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THE ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN.

HUNDREDS OF ARRESTS AT HANKOW.

HUGE ROUND UP BY ORDER OF NANKING.

TELL-TALE RED STAINS.

The feature of today's China news is the vigorous character of the anti-Soviet movement in various parts of the country. A message received last night gave some details of the raid carried out in the ex-Russian and ex-German Concessions at Hankow in which hundreds of Chinese and Russians were arrested as suspected "Reds." A later telegram says that the raid was carried out on the instructions of Nanking, and that many of those arrested have since been released.

In connexion with the anti-Soviet campaign in Canton it is now stated that the Russian Vice-Consul managed to escape but that the Consul-General and staff are all under arrest. Consular efforts are being made to ascertain the exact facts.

The round-up of Communists at Canton continues and in this connexion many suspects are being identified by red dye stains left on their necks from wearing red scarves.

Amongst the China items may be mentioned the tearing down of fixtures by Chinese troops at the British Vice-Consul's house at Nanking and the holding up of steamers near Takhing, on the West River, owing to severe fighting.

MANY EXECUTIONS IN CANTON.

Hankow, Dec. 16. The truth of the Russian executions at Canton, in which respect official and Consular reports from Canton have been singularly silent hitherto. When Chinese troops carrying a systematic house to house search by Communists.

The Soviet Consulate received first attention. All the Russian and Chinese occupants were arrested while all the other houses and dancing cabarets occupied by Russians were then visited.

The round-up was carried out in a thorough manner and it is estimated that every Communist or suspect was captured.

Early rising foreigners witnessed Russians of both sexes marched off in their night attire, in some cases barefooted and in one case a terrified girl jumped out of a second-story window and was severely injured.

It is possible that there were a number of innocent persons unavoidably arrested, as the Russian community is very large. It is expected that those innocent will later be released.

A number of the arrested were detained at the Police Station in the ex-Russian Concession, while it is believed that those from the Consulate were taken to military headquarters.

It is expected that all the latter will be deported. The Chinese troops retired from the concessions at 9 o'clock.—*Reuter.*

Hundreds Arrested.

Later. It is understood that the raid was carried out under instructions from Nanking by 600 Chinese troops.

Hundreds of Chinese and Russians were arrested, but many were bona fide residents and were identified as not being Bolsheviks and were released by noon.

Armed Chinese in civilian clothing carried out numerous raids in the French Concession and made a huge haul of captives, the French police looking on without interfering.—*Reuter.*

CANTON SOVIET RAID.

The Consul Arrested.

The following telegram was received from Canton yesterday: Yesterday five more Russians who had been implicated in the Communist uprising after the being paraded through the streets were publicly executed. The Russian Consul-General and family and staff have all been arrested, and the Consulate was searched for documents and a number seized.

Consular Enquiries.

We learn that Consular agencies are at work in an endeavour to

ROUND-UP CONTINUES.

Many Executions Reported.

The rounding up of "Red" suspects continues in Canton. For some hours before the Hongkong and Macao boats leave Canton large parties of police board the vessels and search all the passengers. All personal belongings are first examined. Then the police request the men to loosen their collars and their necks are carefully examined to see whether there are any red stains on them. It will be recalled that when the "Red" rebels were devastating Canton, each of them wore a red scarf, and although these scarves have since been discarded, the dye therefrom has remained as evidence and has thus betrayed many a "Red" to the police.

The coming out of "Reds" is not being confined to the city, for even the western and northern suburbs are being visited by the police and "Ironside" soldiers. Communist suspects arrested have been taken to the Bureau of Public Safety, and, after a short trial, many have been immediately shot. No fewer than 154 suspects were executed on Thursday. Most of these are said to be newspaper composers. The Canton Newspaper Composers' Guild is known for its sympathy with the "Reds," and popular reports declare that most of the composers took an active part in the "Red" revolt. It is also reported that twenty well-dressed female Communists, with bobbed hair, were among the 154 shot on Thursday by order of the Bureau of Public Safety.

RELATIONS SEVERED.

Consulates to be Closed.

London, Dec. 16. The Southern Chinese Nationalist Party yesterday issued a mandate severing relations with the Soviet, alleging the responsibility of their agents for the recent Canton outbreak. Notices were served on the members of the Soviet Consulates, the Trade Commission and the Bank to leave Shanghai by next Wednesday and similar action was taken at Hankow, Canton and elsewhere.—*British Wireless.*

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THE SCHNEIDER CUP RACE.

MAY BE HELD EVERY TWO YEARS.

ANGLO-ITALIAN PROPOSAL.

London, Dec. 16.

The desirability of holding the Schneider Trophy contest every two years instead of annually has been discussed between the British Air Minister (Sir Samuel Hoare) and General Balbo (the Italian Under-secretary for Air) who is paying a short visit to London.

There is general agreement that the interval of one year is insufficient to allow of adequate progress between successive contests in the technical design of marine aircraft, the development of which was the express object of the trophy, founded by M. Jacques Schneider. The Italian and British Governments have, therefore, decided that they will support a project for an amendment in the rules to provide that in future the contests take place biennially. As time may not admit of the formal alteration of the rules before the date for entries for the 1928 contest they have further mutually agreed to notify the aeronautical bodies concerned in Italy and Great Britain that they do not propose to support an Italian or British entry in 1928, provided other countries, which are possible competitors, signify their willingness to adopt the same course.

The United States, French and German authorities have been informally consulted and are understood to concur with the above proposals.—*British Wireless.*

WAR DEBTS TO U.S.

BRITAIN'S PREPONDERATING SHARE.

Washington, Dec. 16.

Many of the newspapers here comment on the remarkable fact that of the sum of \$36,000,000 received yesterday by the United States Treasury from eight foreign governments on account of debts to the United States, all but \$3,000,000, was paid by Great Britain.—*Reuter's American Service.*

"HONGKONG CHAFF."

A NEW "TELEGRAPH" FEATURE.

We are introducing in today's issue a new feature entitled "Hongkong Chaff," in the form of illustrated "nonsense rhymes." These will deal with the Colony's geographical and social features, and should prove most interesting to our readers.

The first of the series appears on Page 11.

DIPLOMATIC VISITOR.

ENTERTAINED IN LONDON.

London, Dec. 16.

The Foreign Secretary (Sir Austen Chamberlain) and Lady Chamberlain gave a luncheon today in honour of Dr. Gallardo, the Argentine Minister for Foreign Affairs, who is paying an unofficial visit to London.—*British Wireless.*

INDIAN TARIFF.

A REVISION URGED.

Calcutta, Dec. 16.

The annual conference of the European Association has passed a resolution urging the Indian Government to revise the existing tariff.—*Reuter.*

VISITOR DEPARTS.

London, Dec. 16.

Mr. Jafar Pasha el Askari, the Prime Minister of Iraq, left London for Baghdad this afternoon.—*British Wireless.*

TRAIN HELD UP.

ACT OF PEASANT COMMUNISTS.

INCIDENT NEAR SWATOW.

(Own Correspondent.)

Swatow, Dec. 15. The morning train from Swatow to Chaochowfu was held up yesterday by peasant Communists at the village of Kwan-tshau. The Communists lay in ambush near the station and fired as the train drew up. The engine driver and fireman were wounded, and panic ensued among the passengers. Many tried to flee, and were either wounded as they ran, or captured by the attackers.

There was an armed guard on the train, and these returned the fire, but as they numbered ten to one, they were soon overpowered. In the confusion, a passenger who had experience of engines pluckily ran to the front of the train, uncoupled the engine and ran it up to the next station. Soldiers stationed there returned on the engine, and as they approached, the Communists withdrew, fleeing into the hills where the soldiers did not venture to follow.

As soon as the news was known in Swatow, troops were sent up to Kwan Tshau. The dead and wounded, with passengers, were taken on to Chaochowfu, and the train returned to Swatow, but it is doubtful if it will run to-day.

The Casualties.

So far as is known, three have died, among them one woman, and the fireman; and apart from casualties among the Communists, of whom the soldiers claim to have killed and wounded a number, there are ten wounded—five men and five women.

One theory of the attack is that the Communists wanted to possess themselves of the weapons of the guard. Another is that as the military are attempting a round-up of Communist bandits in the hills, the attack was made with the purpose of closing the line. Before any large number of troops can be spared from this district for Canton, it will be necessary to deal effectively with the Peasant Communist bands; otherwise, any success at Canton would only mean the taking of Swatow by the "Reds." Fang Kai, the leader of the "Reds" in the Hai-fung and Lok-fung districts, under whom horrible atrocities have been carried out, is named as having been a possible member of the Government which the "Reds" were attempting to set up in Canton.

Troops for Canton.

The reconstructed Provincial Committee of the Kuomintang has summoned a representative meeting of all sections of the community to give a send-off to the troops of the 11th Brigade to Canton.

Yesterday some of the troops of the 11th Army from Fukien arrived in Swatow.

Further Details.

A report from another source states that about thirty "Red" peasants, disguised as passengers, boarded the train at the Chai Tong Station. Shortly after the train had left the Chai Tong Station, it was attacked by the "Red" peasants. There were about 10 soldiers inside the train and they offered a stubborn resistance. For more than twenty minutes they succeeded in holding the desperadoes at bay. All the passengers were panic-stricken and some endeavoured to escape by running out on to the railway track where they were shot dead. Eventually the soldiers were disarmed after a few of them had been killed and wounded.

The whole train and all the passengers were "ransacked" and robbed by "Reds" who later made good their escape kidnapping about 60 passengers. The passengers who were wounded or killed during the struggle between the soldiers and the armed peasants totalled about 20. One fireman was killed while two other men, also working on the train, were wounded.

While the peasants and soldiers were fighting one man in the train succeeded in slipping out and sent a telephone message to the railway company at Swatow for help. A whole battalion of soldiers arrived later with doctors, but the peasants had by then dispersed.

THREE MORE SUSPECTS ARRESTED.

NO DEPORTATIONS YET MADE.

MAN WITH FLAG.

Three arrests were made when the river steamer Langshan came in last night. One of these suspected Communists was found to have a red flag stowed away amongst his kit, while the other two men were in possession of seditious leaflets.

On enquiries in official quarters this morning, we were informed that no deportations have yet been effected to Canton in the case of the 250 suspected Communists taken into custody within the last few days. They are being detained at the Central and Yau-mati Police Stations.

Incidentally, a contradiction was made of a report in a contemporary that 25 Communists have been already sent up to Canton.

THE REPARATIONS PROBLEM.

GERMANY'S PROMPT PAYMENTS.

Berlin, Dec. 16.

"Reparations and other problems depending thereon will not be finally solved till Germany is given a definite task to perform on its own responsibility, without the present safeguards," concludes Mr. Parker Gilbert, the Agent-General for Reparations Payments, in reporting on the third Dawes annuity year.

He is optimistic about the present and future payments and points out that Germany had paid loyally, punctually and fully though the Budgets of the Reich and many of the States are unsoundly balanced. He concludes that it is encouraging to find the German Government already financially reformed somewhat.

The report shows that Britain has received 538,000,000 gold marks; France, 767,000,000; Italy, 107,000,000; and Belgium, 97,000,000.—*Reuter.*

A SOUDAN MURDER.

TRIBESMEN KILL BRITISH COMMISSIONER.

Cairo, Dec. 16.

Captain Ferguson, the District Commissioner at Bahr, in the El-gazal Province of Soudan, has been murdered together with a Greek merchant by Nuer tribesmen.

The murder took place near Lake Gorr, north of Shambie, while the Commissioner and his companion were returning to the Dinka tribe with some cattle which the Nuer tribesmen had stolen.—*Reuter.*

SOVIET MISSION TO U.S.

ADMITTED AFTER LONG ENQUIRY.

New York, Dec. 16.

After a long hearing before a special Board of Enquiry at Long Island, the Soviet Mission of 12 industrial mining experts has been permitted to land under a \$500 bond.

It is announced that the delegation is visiting the United States with a view to purchasing "a million dollars worth" of machinery.—*Reuter.*

FILMS BILL.

ONLY AWAITS ROYAL ASSENT.

London, Dec. 16.

The House of Commons has agreed to the Lords' amendment to the Films Bill, and it now only needs the Royal Assent.—*Reuter.*

TODAY.

Dollar on demand 2/- 7/16.
Lighting-up 5.41 p.m.

Bulls and Inners

□ □ From the Office Butts. □ □

At least one volunteer last week-end was dried and found wanting.

A contemporary editorialises the subject of gossip. We agree that news is always better.

Some of these arguers on religious subjects cannot see the wood for the forest.

To-day's Dewarism: There are no statues erected to those who stopped to explain their mistakes.

The number of persons knocked down by motor-cars in Singapore last month was the lowest for the year. Even pedestrians are entitled to a close season.

Reuter's story about the lack of cigarettes on a troopship must have been a fog.

The assets of rubber companies when merged become more elastic.

Evidently the motor-car has come to stay.

Spain has decided to preserve her bull industry and to ban greyhounds. She has our sympathy.

The fact that a contemporary finds fault with the "boards" worn by Merrie Englands players, will not cause the Philharmonic to pine.

A heading we never expect to see: "Member of Egyptian Chorus Loses Woollen Underwear."

"This is not a musical age," bewails a writer. Hongkong, however, is at present living in an op. era.

Following the courteous notice sent by a Northern Chinese General when about to attack the Southerners, a letter of apology is expected at any moment in respect of two shells which failed to explode.

Triplets have arrived for the third time in a Reading household. The neighbours, on hearing the father's remarks upon being told the glad tidings, thought he was at a chair practice.

Market note: A good crop of scarlet runners is reported from Canton.

A bill for political campaign expenses at Tai-po would mostly include mosquitoes.

Whether it's an offence or not, too many Hongkong people continue to blow their horns.

"Distressed"—Buy her a diamond ring for Christmas. This will save lots of money on gloves.

The new commandment: "Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy nights out may be long."

From a Kowloon school girl's essay: "In my family there are three of us, my father, mother and me. I am the youngest."

The police authorities must feel under a great debt of gratitude to a contemporary for its exposure of agitation in Hongkong.

According to the critic, a couple of crayon pictures at the Art Show had no drawing power mail) into Sawdust because they were of a no-design.

At least the selection of Wan-chai as a local broadcasting station suggests the use of plenty of ether.

By stating that he would not be at the kissing Mary Pickford, hunt the slipper.

After somebody had been stung for his ransom, Captain Lalor appropriately embarked on H.M.S. Bee.

"Infantry!" Don't take your army blankets to Louw with you unless you have the receipt.

"Reader:" A Scotsman is one who is pained through denying himself pleasure.

The new code of morals for picture producers strips them naked of ideas.

Falling off horses appear to be the Prince-lip sport of Royalty.

"Two Young Englishmen re-down by motor-cars in Singapore quire dancing partners," says an advertisement. So do 1,355 others.

A Shanghai man is so tired of living alone that he contemplates cigarettes on a troopship must seeking a divorce.

"Diana:" Crown land is sold by the foot but not double-width.

The revival of the play, "Drink," should prove interesting to London thirst-niggers.

In these days of prevalent divorce, it would seem that most of the courting is done after marriage.

The Radio Society is preparing to broadcast Christmas carols. Owing to static, however, there will also be a number of wails.

This shortage of greyhounds at home might be overcome by stretching some of the spare whippets.

The saxophone has penetrated everywhere. Hongkong, how-to Louw.

Local advertisement. "Lost.—Envelope containing child's dress." We understand that it is distinguished from mother's by the bib attachment.

The Canton Soviet has issued a bulletin: Which Commissar is the bullet in?

Tai-po Railway Station is being repainted. Otherwise crime in the district is normal.

"Enquirer:" A good complexion naturally goes to pot these days.

Local advertisement. "Found.—On Tai-po Road (near reservoir) one pair horn-rimmed spectacles." Presumably the owner lost them in the blue fog surrounding a certain local angle.

The "Red" rulers at Canton were fired—with ambition.

The call sign of the new Hongkong broadcasting station, will naturally be WAI.

Almost every Hongkong woman keeps at least two servants nowadays—one coming and one going.

The only women who can't understand men are telephone operators.

Local watchmakers intend asking for extra pay for working over time.

Some of these Malayan critics must be good at shooting—out their necks.

The aid of word-golf enthusiasts is not invoked to transmute of Oatcake (received by Christmas Show had no drawing power mail) into Sawdust.

The Observatory predicts wet week-ends before the end of the year.

It is not confirmed that one of the indoor games to be introduced to the Y.M.C.A. this Christmas is a Nero must have fiddled with his loot while Canton burned.

Telegraph heading:—"Our Poor Fete." Yes; they did ache.



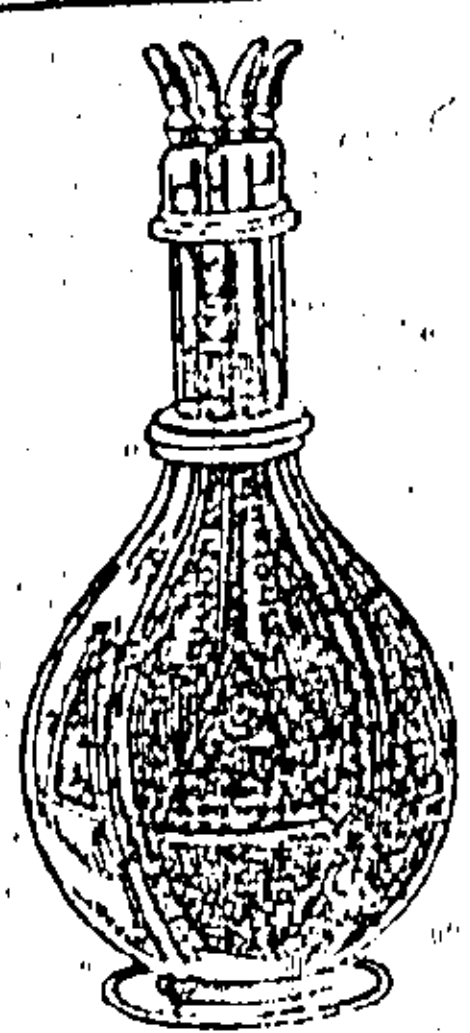
"Why are you charged with assaulting your mother-in-law?"
"Because the police came!"
"Whatever do you mean?"
"If they hadn't arrived so soon, I should have been charged with strangling her!"



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RELIEF WORK.

CHINESE CHAMBER TO ASSIST CANTON.

At the request of several members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce a special meeting was held yesterday to discuss measures to be adopted by the Chamber for the relief of those who have suffered at the hands of the Reds during recent turmoil in Canton.

Mr. Li Yau-sun, occupied the chair and there was a representative gathering present, including Sir Robert Ho Tung.

Several speakers offered suggestions and after a deal of deliberation the Chamber decided to co-operate with Tung Wah Hospital, who are also considering relief measures. The following committee was selected to represent the Chamber: Li Yau-sun, Li Yik-mui, Ip Lan-chuen, Ho Lu, Ho Kwong, Sam Pak-ming, Chan Yik-chuen, Tong Yat-chuen, Tang Shiu-kin, Lau Sing-chong, Chew Chiu-san, Wong Ping-suen and Leung Pat-yue.

Addressing the meeting Sir Robert Ho Tung said that what had happened in Canton was not, what in business would be called "an act of God," and he felt that the officials in Canton now in power should be asked to raise a fund amongst themselves first. Sir Robert added that the Hongkong people were closely related to the people of Canton in more senses than one, and he sympathised with them in their present misfortune. He agreed that the Chinese of Hongkong should not hesitate to help their neighbours but he did not want anybody to run away with the impression that Hongkong should be the first to come forward, as clearly it was the duty of those in power in Canton to do their best towards relief measures for those who were stricken through the recent Red invasion.

The Chairman then expressed the opinion that the officials in Canton were probably too poor to assist the distressed citizens financially.

Not So Poor.

Sir Robert replied that the officials were not as poor as the chairman believed, adding that if the officials could find money to finance war, they might find a little for the relief of those who were the victims of Red terrorism.

Mr. Ho Lu asked several questions regarding the two members of the Chamber who left yesterday morning for Canton. It is learned that these representatives went with four representatives of the Tung Wah Hospital to investigate conditions in the devastated districts and to ascertain what nature of relief was required. Mr. Ho Lu voiced the opinion that it was a pity that these representatives were not vested with authority to deal with the Canton officials while they were up there. Mr. Ho Lu said that a good deal of valuable time would be wasted by not giving the two representatives sufficient authority.

Continuing Mr. Ho Lu said that he felt that it must be pointed out to the Chinese in Hongkong that relief measures for Canton were quite laudable, but that it was the duty of the officials in Canton to give some assurance to their brethren in Hongkong that such steps would be taken as would prevent a re-occurrence of the Red terror in Canton. Mr. Ho Lu pointed out that Canton was well garrisoned, and although he had not the slightest idea of interfering with politics, he ventured to express the opinion that the officials now in power could hold their own.

Merchants in Hongkong held property and other interests in Canton, and by sending relief at the present juncture they would be doing Canton a lot of good by assisting that city to get on its legs again. Hongkong and Canton are so inter-dependent, that a prolonged period of inactivity, or on the other hand, prosperity, in Canton, must be reflected here. The reason why he asked for this assurance from Canton was that if another unfortunate calamity like the recent invasion were to take place, it would be a terrible blow to merchants here.

GAS THEFT CASE.

HOW TO TAMPER WITH THE METER.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday, A. A. Remedios, an employee of the Hongkong & China Gas Company was charged on remand, with stealing gas and with falsifying the accounts of the Gas Company in connexion with the alleged theft.

Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro (Snr.) represented the defendant, while the prosecution was conducted by Mr. R. A. Wadeson on behalf of the Gas Company.

Amongst the witness called for the prosecution yesterday was Mr. James Hunter, Superintendent of the Installation Department of the Gas Company. He gave detailed evidence as to the various installations made in the defendant's house by the Gas Company.

Cross-examined by Mr. D'Almada witness admitted that defendant could, if he had so wished, tamper with the meter without the Company being in a position to discover it.

Mr. D'Almada explained to the Court that there were two ways of doing this. The first was for the defendant to insert a piece of wire into the meter so that the float would be kept down, and the other method would be to remove the water from the meter.

Regarding the damage to defendant's meter, Mr. D'Almada produced a meter which he asked witness to examine and state whether it was not more damaged than the one removed from defendant's house. Witness agreed that it was, but said that in the case of the meter produced by Mr. D'Almada the damage was wilful.

In answer to further questions, Mr. Hunter said that he was unable to state to what extent the defendant had defrauded the Company, if at all.

Mr. F. E. Thompson, an accountant of the Company, next gave evidence to the effect that entries appeared in the defendant's account with the Company as far back as 1921.

Cross-examined by Mr. D'Almada witness said he was unable to say who was responsible for the entries, and stated quite definitely that the accounts of the defendant appeared to be written up by somebody else in the office, other than the defendant.

The hearing was adjourned until Tuesday next, at 2.15 p.m.

The chairman replied that as far as he was aware, nothing could be done by the officials of Canton.

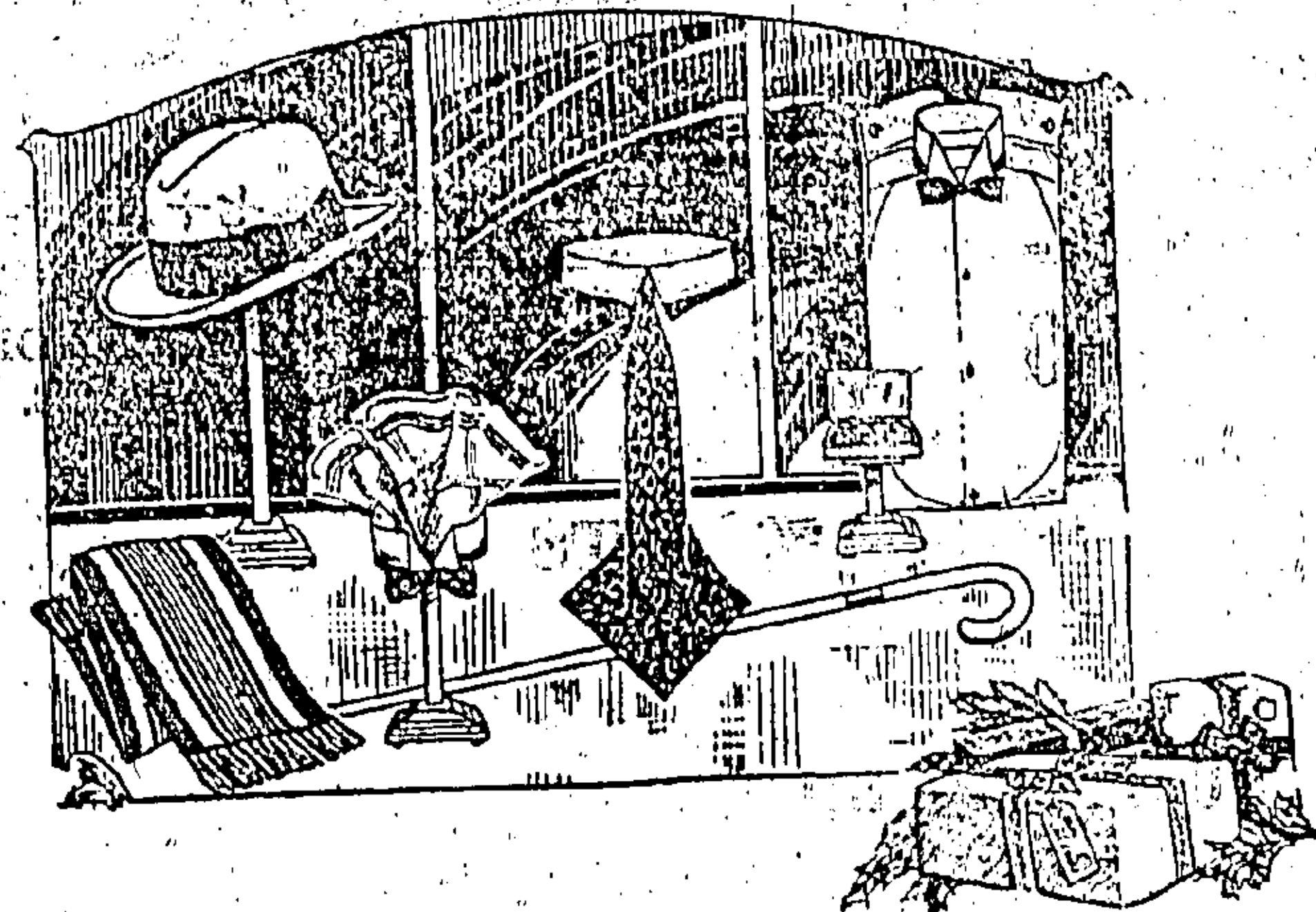
Mr. Ho Lu said that he did not wish to embarrass any of the officials of Canton, but suggested that a little more alertness was necessary. Merchants in Hongkong, who offered so much credit facility to the Canton merchants, should at least expect some assurance from Canton that everything possible would be done to protect the interests of the citizens. Failing this assurance, the Hongkong merchants could hardly be expected to offer any future credit facilities.

Mr. Ho Wing asked why the meeting was not held earlier and was told by the chairman that he had done his best to expedite the meeting. The Secretary of Chinese Affairs had to be consulted before anything could be done and moreover, it was explained that two representatives had already proceeded to Canton.

Mr. Ho Wing then replied that he was surprised to learn that in an effort to assist Canton after such a terrible calamity, the chairman of the Chamber thought fit to see the Secretary of Chinese Affairs before acting. It was not an attempt to interfere with political matters and the Secretary of Chinese Affairs' permission was somewhat superfluous.

The action of the chairman in sending representatives to Canton without consulting the committee in any way, also came in for some criticism and the hope was expressed, at the meeting that in future the Chairman would adhere to the rules of the Chamber and consult the committee before acting in any matter.

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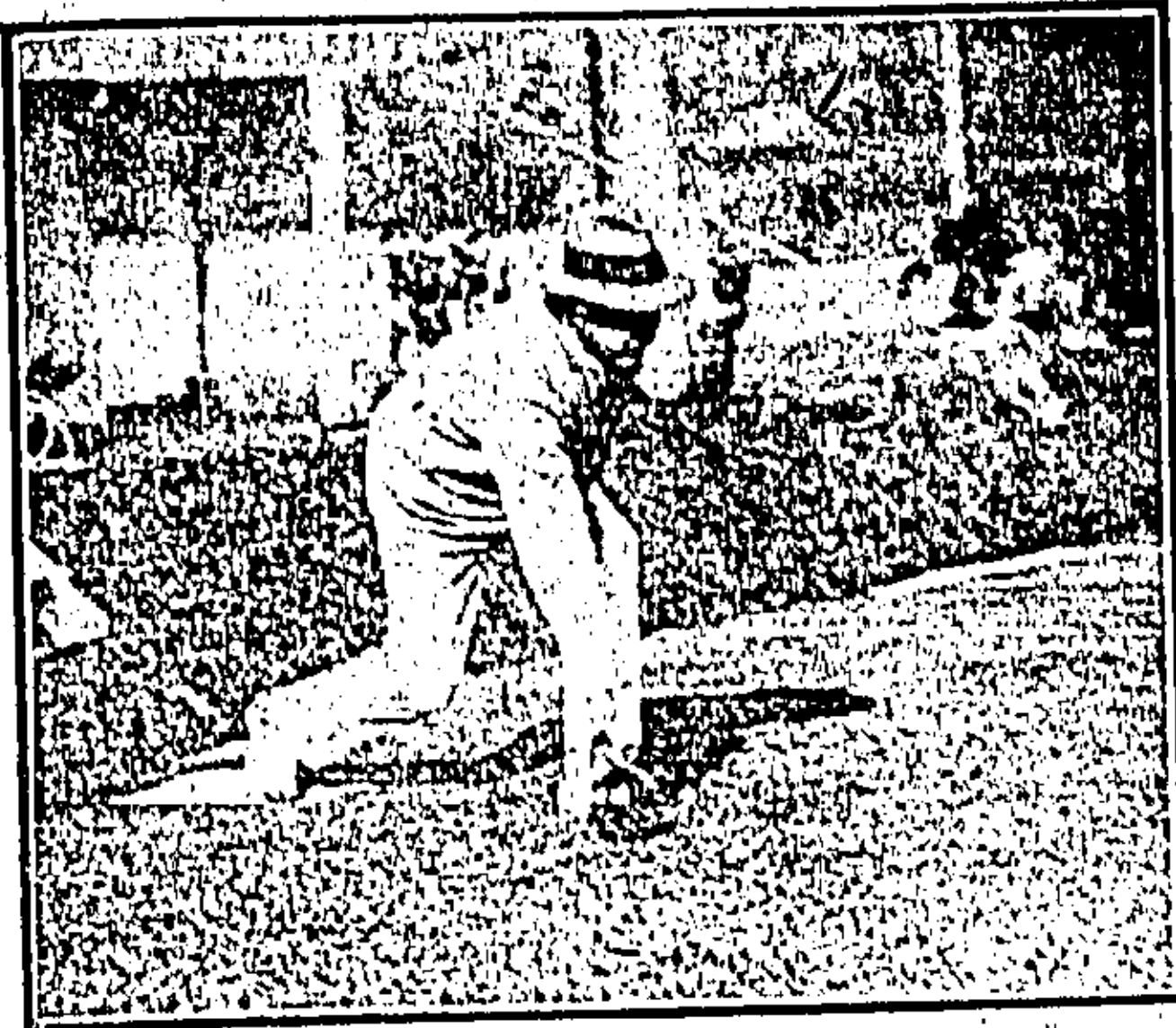
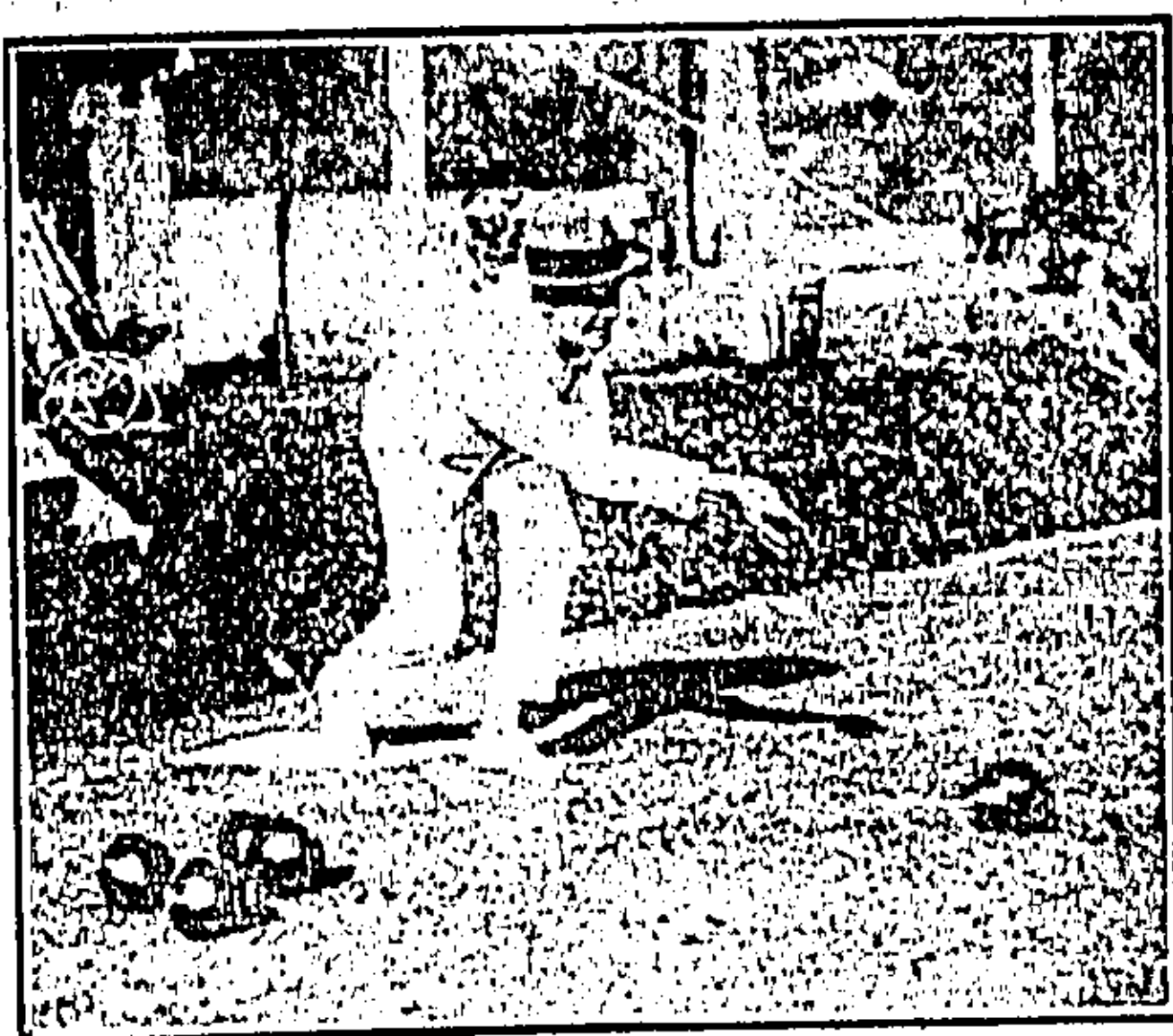
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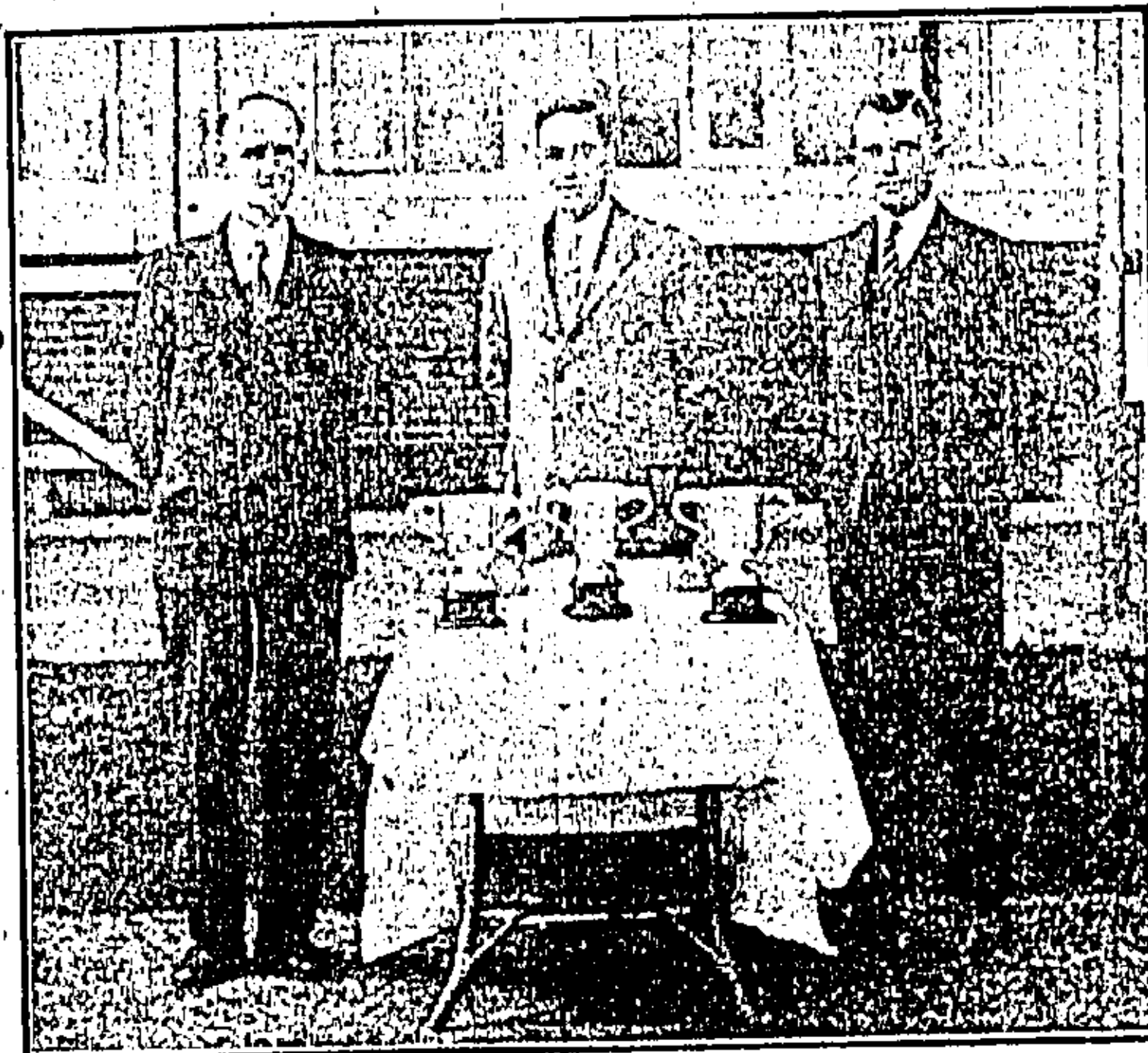




The Colony's lawn bowls singles' championship was fought out at Kowloon on Saturday last, when R. Lapsley beat J. C. Brown. Left: Brown in play; centre, the two finalists; right, Lapsley in action. (Photos: Welcome Studio)



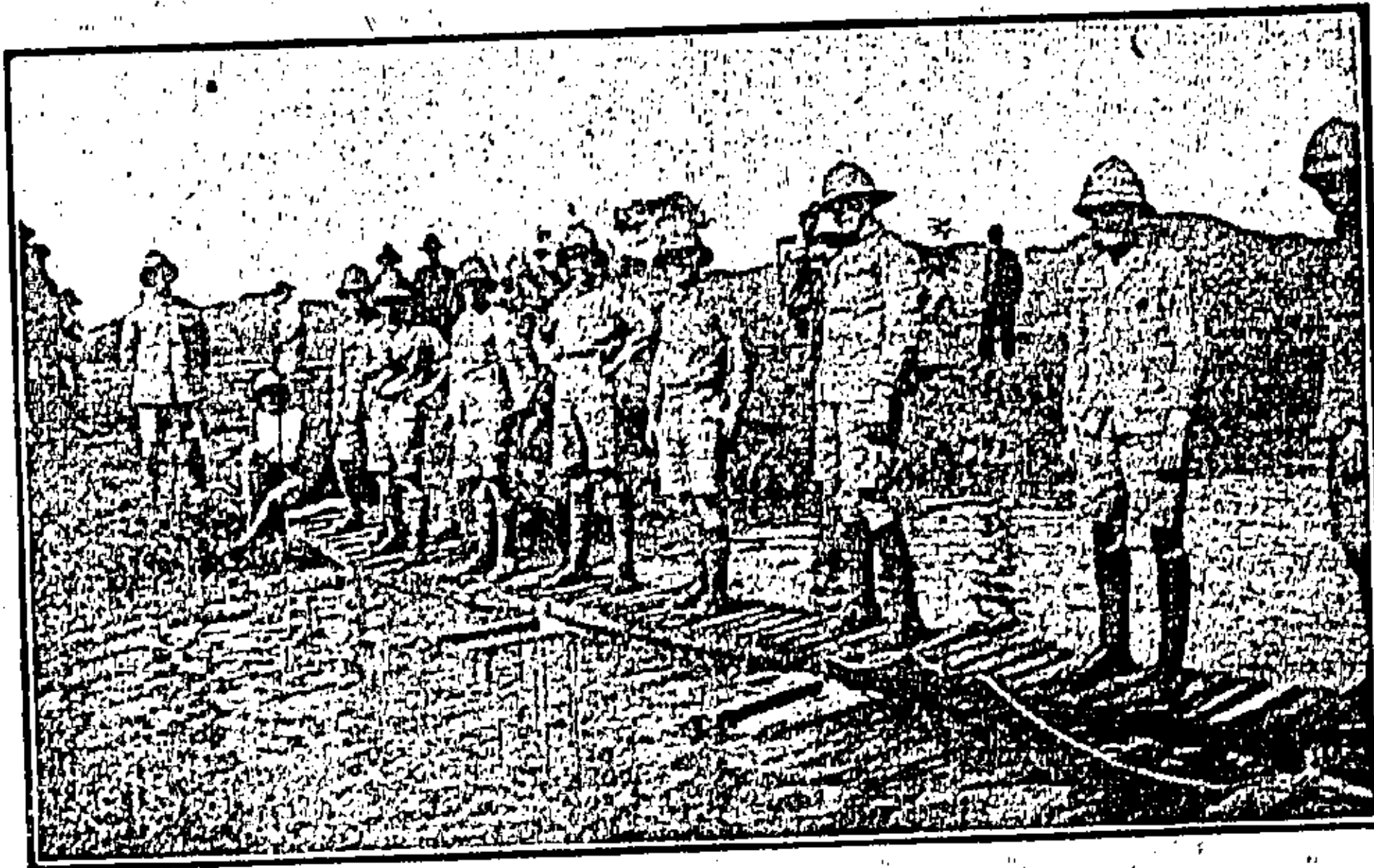
The Taikoo Dock lawn bowls team which has won the Spey Royal Cup this year. (Photo: Welcome Studio)



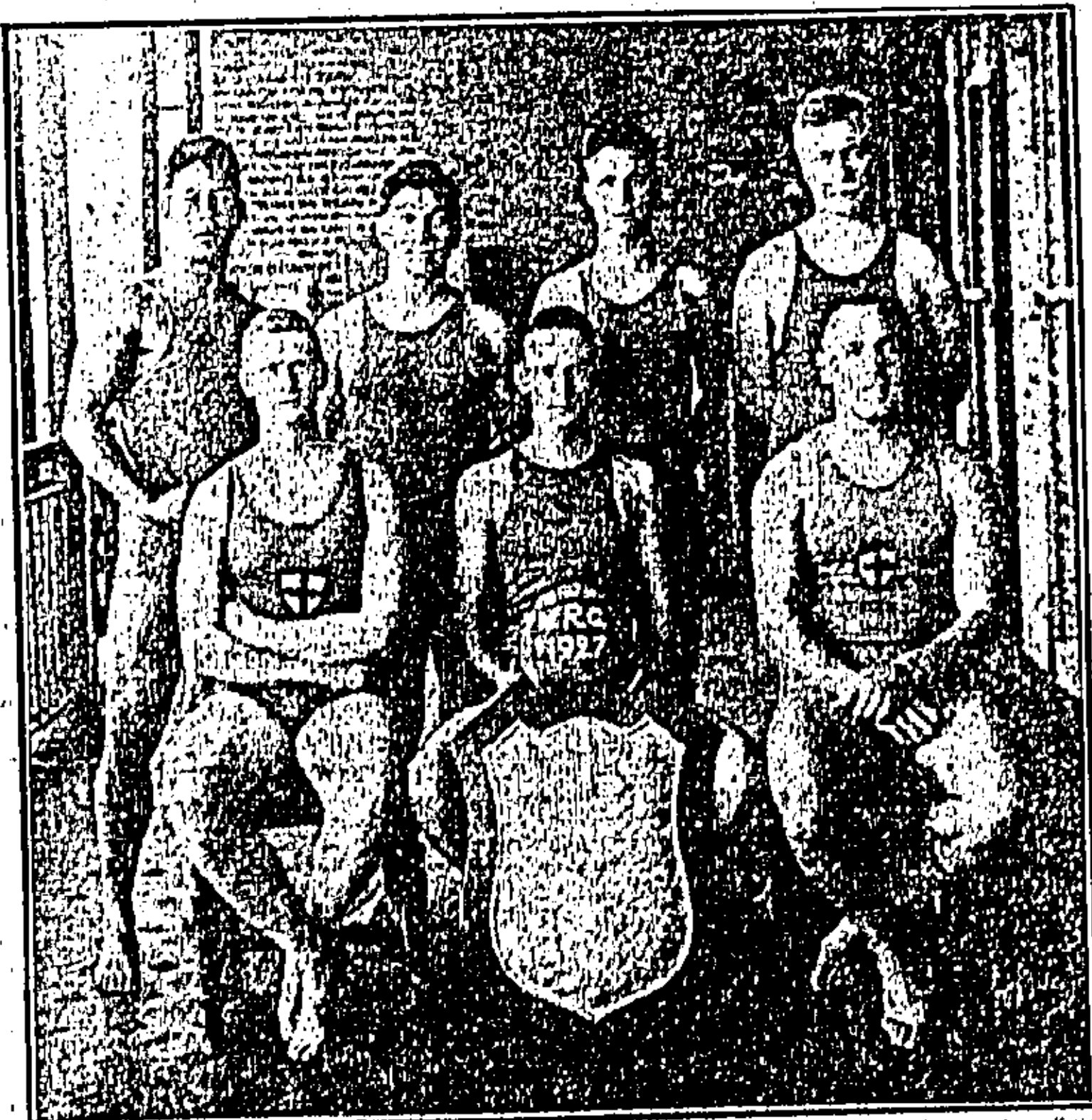
Hong Kong's lawn bowls champions for three years. Left to right: A. Gourlay (1925); R. Lapsley (1927); and F. Cullen (1925). (Photo by: Welcome Studio)



The Engineer Company of the Volunteers spent an instructive time in Camp last week-end. On the left is seen a gun emplacement in course of construction, and on the right is shown a bridge of empty drums for mule transport. (Photos: Mr. H. L. Lockhart)



A kapook bridge was built by the Engineer Company in camp last week. This bridge was put together by the detachment, run across the stream and all the men were across to the other side in 2 min. 55 secs. (Photo: Mr. H. L. Lockhart)



The Colony's championship for water polo was this year won by the V. R. C., the team being shown above. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



Bridal group taken at the wedding on Saturday last of Lieut. J. de B. Wailles, R. N., and Miss N. S. M. Baldwin. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

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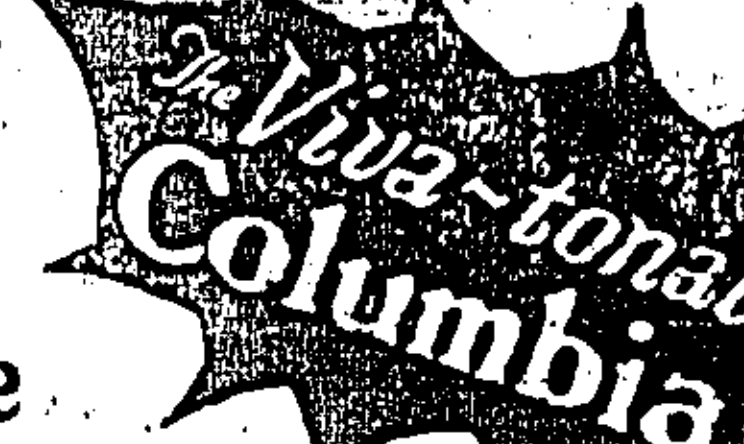
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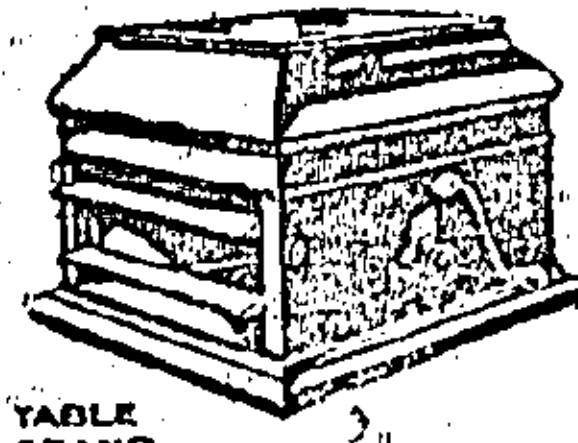
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St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong. December 18th, 1927. 4th Sunday in Advent. Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Children's Service, 10 a.m. Matin, 11 a.m. Preacher Rev. W. R. Cannell. Holy Communion, 12 noon. Evensong, 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. H. Copley Moyle. Wed. 21. St. Thomas' day, Communion, 7.45 a.m. Christmas Day Dec. 25th. Holy Communion at 7 a.m. 8 a.m. (Choral) and 12 noon. 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon, 6 p.m. Evensong, Carols and Sermon.

Union Church; Kennedy Road. Sunday Services, December 18th. Morning, 10.30. General Service and K.O.S.B. Parade. Hymns, 255, 412, 490, 554.

Preacher: Rev. F. P. W. Alexander, C.F. Evening Service at 5.45. Music led by K.O.S.B. Band under Mr. W. H. Fitzearle, A.R.C.M. by kind permission of Lt.-Col. Comyn and Officers.

Hymns, 177, 167, 60, 671. Band Selections: Polonaise in A flat, Chopin; "Intermezzo," Mascagni; "Demand et Repose," Coleridge Taylor; "March from Tannhauser," Wagner.

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Wesleyan Methodist Church, Queen's Road East, Wanchai, (near Royal Naval Hospital). Sunday, December 18th, 1927. Morning Service, 10.15 o'clock. Preacher: Rev. J. H. Johnston.

B. A. Afternoon 3 o'clock: Sunday School. Evening Service, 6 o'clock. Subject: "What does 'Faith' really mean?" Preacher: Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey.

Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Arsenal Street, Sunday: 8.00 p.m. Mr. May's Bible Class. 8.15 p.m. Service Men's Hour. Monday: 3.00 p.m. Ladies' Church Aid Meeting.

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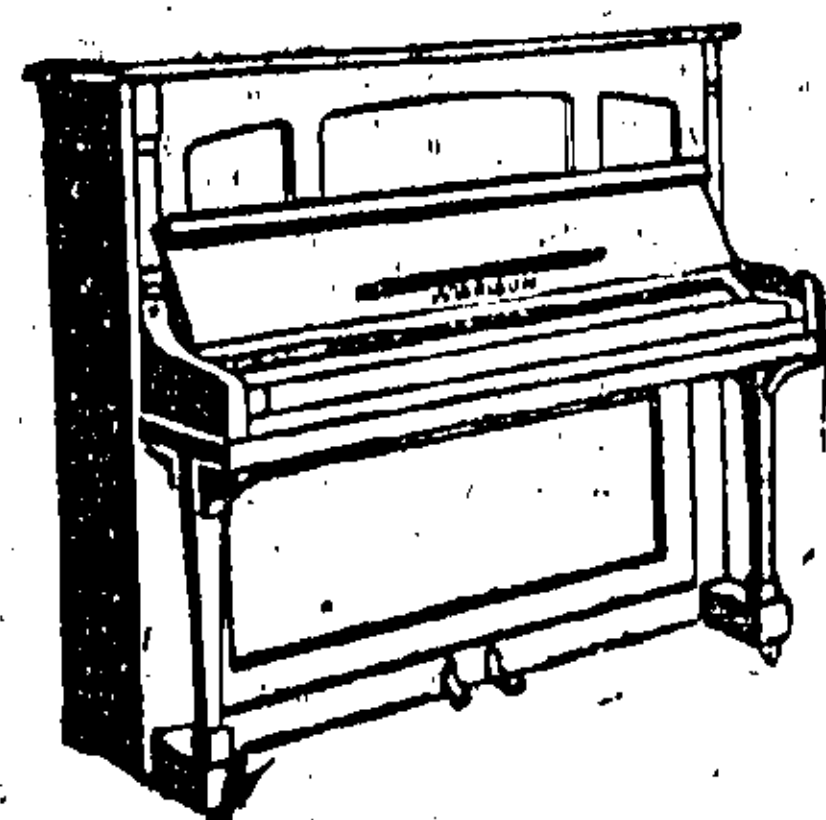
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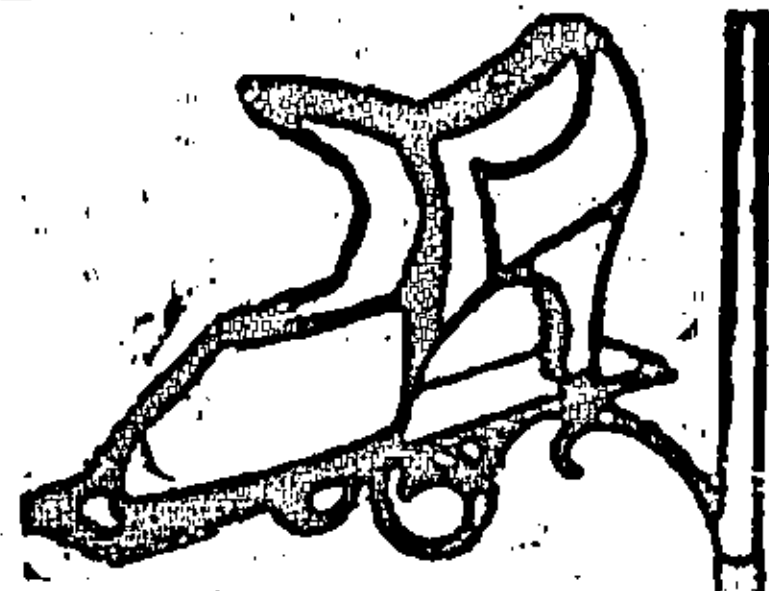
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The danger in which Burns' Cottage and Museum at Alloway stands from fire has been considered by the Ayrshire Association of Federated Burns Clubs, and everything is to be done within its power to have precautionary efforts taken for the safety of the relics.

The Association has had presented to it by its Executive Council a report with regard to the possibility of fire dangers, with a consequent destruction of the priceless and irreplaceable manuscripts and relics contained therein.

Considered as structural subjects in relation to first danger (says the report), the monument is built wholly of stone; the cottage of rude stone walls, with wood and thatched roof; the museum and dwelling-house of brick walls roughcast, with wood and tile roof.

The museum and dwelling-house are under one continuous roof, therefore the museum is practically at domestic fire risk, while a low verandah of rustic wood posts with wood and tile roof which stretches along the front, adds materially to fire danger; moreover, the wall between the museum and dwelling-house is not carried, as is now deemed essential, above the roof line.

In 1914, immediately after the attempt by suffragettes to burn down the cottage, the trustees were formally written to at the instance of Dr. M'Naught, the then president of the Burns Federation, by a private member of the Federation because it was thought that such a letter would be more friendly than an official letter from the president himself. The letter, of which Dr. M'Naught approved, pointed out specifically the nature of the fire danger of the cottage and museum, and suggestions were made for the greater security of both with their contents.

Structural Alterations.

Two of these suggestions, the introduction of a fire water main into the cottage grounds and a fire-proof door at the museum entrance, have since been carried out, but the other structural alterations, including the carrying of the wall between the museum and the dwelling-house nine inches above the roof and across the verandah, have been left in abeyance. Nothing, however, has yet been done regarding the suggestion made for the better protection against fire, with concurrent water damage, of the irreplaceable commonplace book, which is the gem of the collection, nor of the many unique and invaluable manuscripts and other rare and irrecoverable treasures, which the museum contains.

From time to time, the contents of the museum are being choicely added to, and only a few months ago the privately owned Pintry Letters were entrusted to the care of the trustees; but these Letters are unfortunately exposed, as are the other museum exhibits, in wood instead of in light metal cases, and all, therefore, liable to quick and almost inevitable destruction from fire or water should the museum from any cause get well alight.

It was suggested that all portable exhibits suitably prepared for handling should each night (as in the Kilmarnock Burns Museum since the theft of its "First Edition") be placed for greater security in fireproof safes.

Risks Museums Run.

In all museums there must be contingent and incidental risks; but where a museum is known to be not absolutely fireproof it is not unreasonable to ask that all world treasures, such as are held at Alloway, should have every precautionary measure that is possible taken for their safeguarding and security. Should fire or concurrent water damage occur, or, if in the absence of reasonable preventable measures, any of the irreplaceable treasures which are in the keeping of the trustees should unfortunately be destroyed, theirs might not only be individual and personal responsibility, but unless full foresight had been exercised, opprobrium and bitter censure.

It is, therefore, with the earnest desire not only to secure from danger the structures and contents of the cottage and museum, but to prevent also possible reflection upon a body of trustees who have in all other respects so ably and successfully directed affairs, that the attention of the Associated Ayrshire Clubs is directed to the matter.

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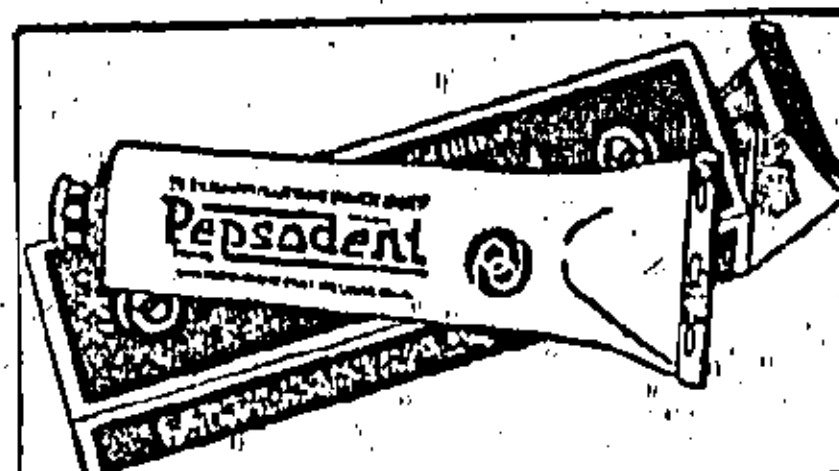
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Here are some of the things, that, according to statements made by the rescuers, happened as the doomed liner sank in the darkness, and her 1,300 passengers struggled for life with the boats that dashed to the rescue:—

The third officer of the Empress Star was dragged by frantic hands from a lifeboat into the water.

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Three pistol shots rang out, but whether officers of the Mafalda had shot their men to preserve discipline or committed suicide when they saw all was lost no one knows.

In the panic women are said to have been braver than men.

Lifeboats capsized from overcrowding, and in many cases, dead men were thrown out into the water to make room for the living.

A Captain's Story.

Captain C. R. Cooper told a plain, vivid story. As we worked it grew darker and darker, he said, and lamps and torches and every other kind of light was turned on to the waters where men and women were struggling. The shrieking of the people in the water was terrible. I hope I shall never hear anything like it again. Half-drowned men and women were brought aboard, and we had tea and coffee and stimulants going all night in the cabins and dining rooms.

Our race started at 5.20 p.m., when we received the S.O.S. "Danger in Engines," from her and at the same time she hoisted her ensign and blew one blast. We immediately turned back and approached the Mafalda about 5.45, when she stopped and commenced lowering crowded boats, two of which capsized alongside of her. We lowered boats and started rescuing people from swamped boats and from the sea.

The s.s. Alcega arrived to help as did the Formosa and other ships. At 9.10 the Mafalda, having settled by the stern and listing heavily to port, suddenly capsized and sank. At daylight all the rescued were transferred to the Formosa. The steamers searched the vicinity.

From what could be learned from the survivors a propeller shaft broke, smashing the engine, and the engine-room became flooded. The commander was on the bridge to the last.

Overcrowding and Panic.

The chief officer, Mr. N. J. Synnot, Lower Newtown, Waterford, went out with the lifeboats. We saw people rushing to the boats and jumping into the water, he said, and to our horror many of the boats capsized through overcrowding and panic. I jumped into one of the Mafalda's lifeboats when it drew near and called for some men as volunteers. Everybody that could began swimming towards us and we were in great danger of cutting them with our propeller. The first man was pulled up over the stern on a rope.

After we had picked thirteen out of the water I found the boat was leaking and was split along the side. There were no bailers, so we had to use our caps to scoop out the water. If we had taken another man the boat would have

sunk with us. The water rose above our knees.

There was terrible panic. In the first-class gangway the officer in charge was very cool and had everything in hand, but away from the gangway everybody was running about and sliding down boat tackles and jumping into the water. No women or children jumped over the side. The women were really cooler than the men, or else it was that they were in such a terrible state of panic that they couldn't do anything.

Later, as we were pulling near the Mafalda for another boatload, there was a terrible noise as of heavy weights giving way inside the vessel. The Mafalda turned over on her side and sank stern and then capsized.

I shouted to the men, "Pull for your lives!" in order to get clear of the suction. We pulled so hard that we broke two oars, but fortunately we had two spare ones or we should have been dragged under.

"One Big, Long Wall."

Just before she turned over we saw a lot of men on ropes hanging over the fore-castle and shouting. They wouldn't jump into the water or we could have got them. When the vessel went down there was one big, long wall, which seemed to come from the women.

We picked up some persons with a boathook or held out our oars for them to catch hold of. Many dead men were dragged in by the boathook and thrown into the water again. In one case we were about to throw a man back as dead when he gave a groan, and by artificial respiration we saved his life. Among the bodies floating in the water were a number of little children.

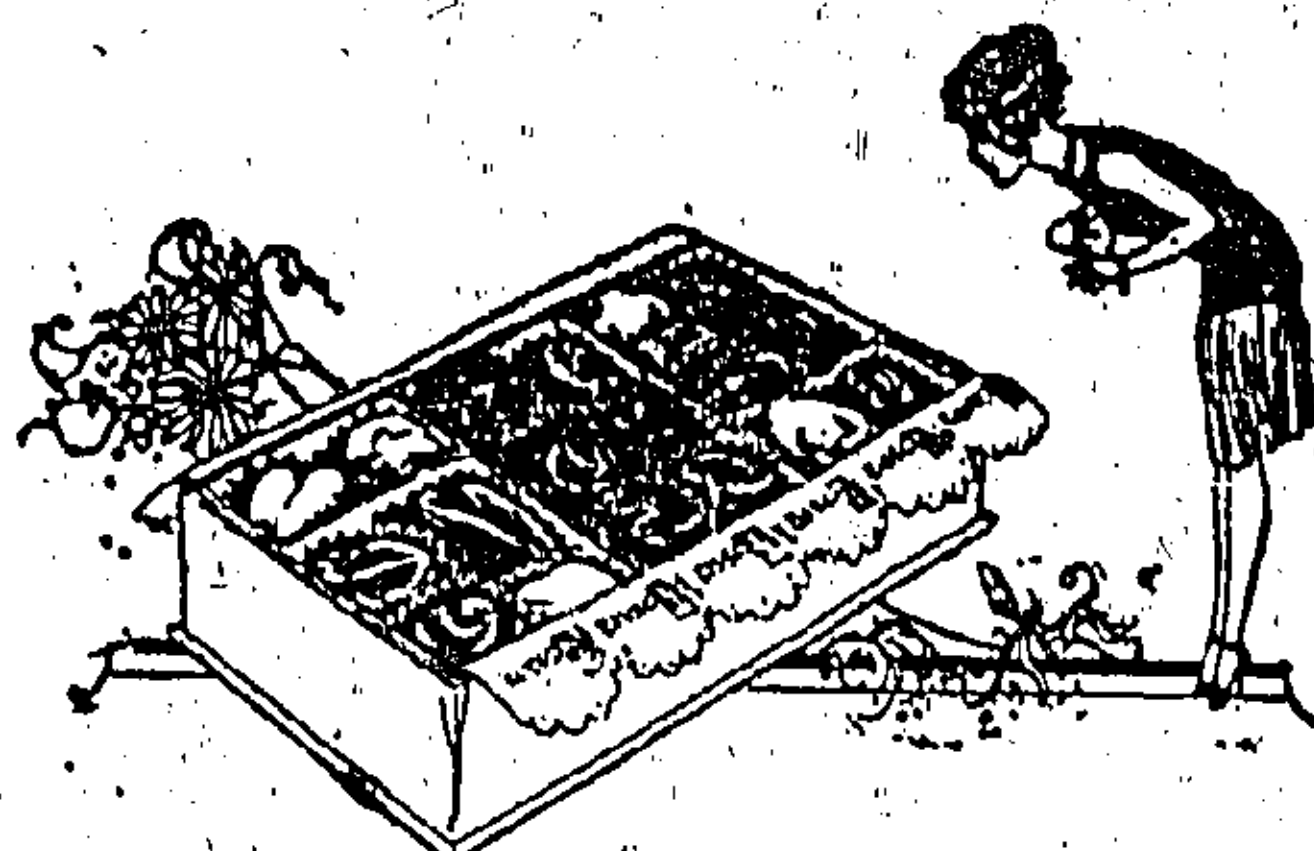
The women showed wonderful fortitude and wouldn't get into the boat until the children had gone first.

We got the little babies on board by putting them into ash bags so that they could not fall out. We had 23 children, most of whom were infants.

Mr. H. A. Rowlands, the third officer, told how he was pulled from the lifeboat into the sea by frantic swimmers. I was standing in the boat when somebody grasped my legs and I slipped and was flung into the water, he said. The chief officer of the Mafalda had a gun in his hand to try and keep order and he also flashed a light. We heard three shots ring out towards the end, but we did not know whether officers of the boat had shot themselves or were shooting to keep order.

Another officer on the stricken vessel held a knife in his hand when trying to regulate the stampede for the boats.

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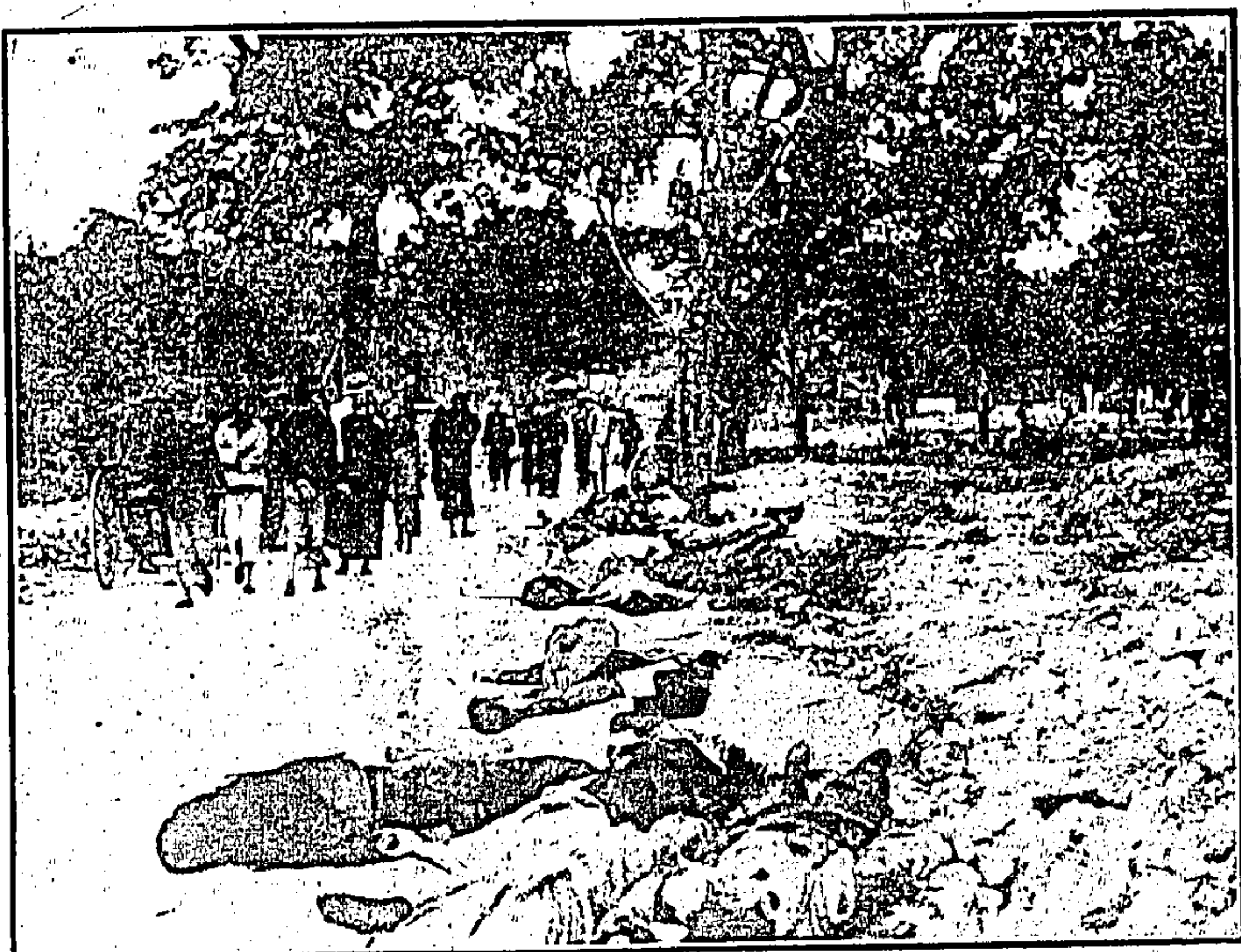
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CANTON'S "RED" REIGN OF TERROR.

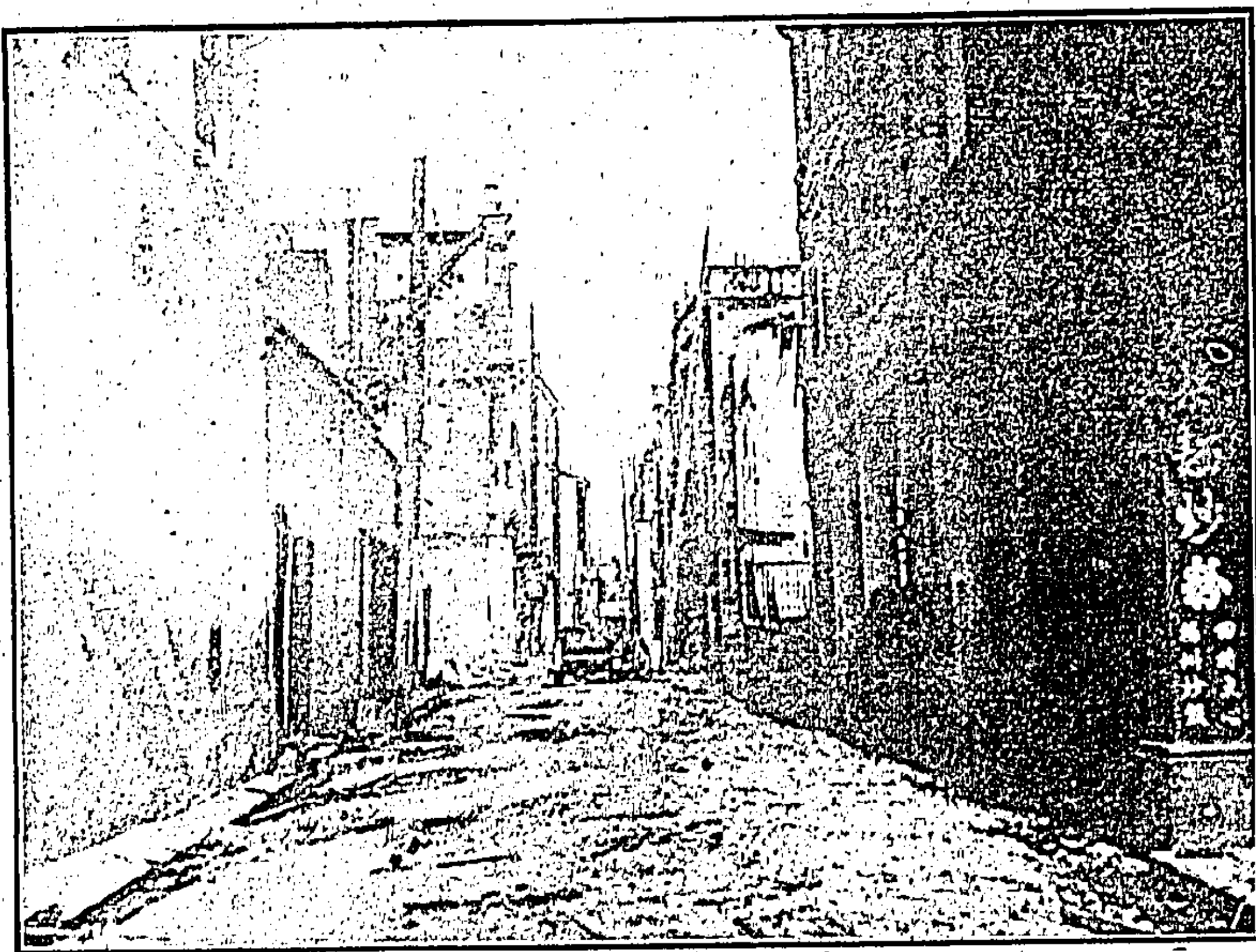
A vivid idea of the terrible nature of the "Red" reign of terror which was experienced in Canton throughout Sunday, Monday and Tuesday last is given by the four photographs published below. (Photos: Mee Cheung).



The above picture shows a crowd interested in the collection of dead bodies after General Li Fok-lun's soldiers had defeated the "Reds" on Tuesday morning.



A rather gruesome collection of corpses outside the building of the Public Safety Bureau, where a great fight took place between the soldiers and the "Reds." One of the corpses is that of a Russian.



This street of gutted buildings bears eloquent testimony to the work of incendiarism committed by the "Reds" as part of their methods of terrorism. Widespread havoc and destruction were caused throughout the entire city.



Some of the ruined buildings in the Tai Hong Road, where a tremendous blaze took place.

WITH THE STARS AT HOLLYWOOD.

A FAMOUS "UNKNOWN" PLAYER.

"THE WEDDING MARCH."

Hollywood, Calif. It's easy to become famous throughout the country if you are a movie "star"—but it's not so easy to have that fame recognized in Hollywood. Competition is too keen.

However, there is one little girl here who has just reversed the rule. Fay Wray is listed well up among the "who's who" of movie-land. But she is practically unknown to the world in general.

Miss Wray's local prestige is due largely to one man, Erich von Stroheim. Fully a year and a half ago, Von Stroheim chose her as his leading lady in "The Wedding March." Many of the cinema town's biggest actresses would jump at the chance to play in a Von Stroheim film. But to have an unknown girl walk off with the leading feminine role had been unheard of.

Jannings Likes Her. As a result of Fay being elevated to what Hollywood calls stardom, she immediately became a subject for much conversation. Yet the outside public knows little of her—because "The Wedding March" is still uncompleted. When it does eventually reach the screen—as it no doubt will some day—Fay's fan mail is due for a tremendous increase.

One way to get a slant on the young actress' future is to talk to Emil Jannings, noted German actor. Jannings looked at a few reels of "The Wedding March"—it is still too long to see the entire picture in one evening—and immediately demanded Fay Wray as his next leading lady.

"I didn't make any mistake," declares the actor. "She is magnificent—and is headed for the very peak. During my several months in Hollywood, I have seen many of the younger girls at work and I have seen the result on the screen. Of them all, there are only two who have the making of great actresses. They are Fay Wray and Janet Gaynor, whose works in "Seventh Heaven" is one of the greatest performances I have ever seen."

Jane's Fame Swift.

It is interesting to look into the pasts of these girls, who according to Jannings are to become the toast of film fans. The careers of both have been nearly parallel. They struggled along for about two years doing this and that, but never getting anywhere.

Then Janet got her lucky "break" and Von Stroheim made Fay his leading lady a few weeks later. Janet sprang from almost nothing to a star of tremendous popularity. The same route is predicted for Fay when "The Wedding March" is released.

After 14 Years.

When Jack Mulhall first broke into the class of popular movie actors, the industry hadn't even coined the word "star" for its use.

That was some years ago. And Jack is still sitting on the crest of his popularity wave. But it has been only during the last year that his rise in the heavens of celluloidia has been meteoric.

There were two things that kept Jack in the same old rut for so many years. One was that he was too conscientious and the other was that he wasn't conscientious enough. One day Jack would get the idea into his head that he was being paid for acting so he should act. And the next day he would "elown" all over the set and take nothing seriously.

Wrong Both Times.

"I realize now that I was wrong in both instances," admits the actor. "But you know, I really did think that if I didn't act I wasn't earning my salary. Then one day, not so long ago either, I woke up. I always got along fine with individuals in my private life. They seemed to like my personality. And I realized that if I was going to get by on the screen I would have to give audiences that same personality. So I stopped acting and started being natural."

Wins Popular Vote. Judging from his last few pictures, Jack actually has "found" himself. And by the time 1928 rolls around he will be elevated to the star division. A few weeks ago he was voted the second most popular male featured player in a national census taken by a film magazine.

It took Mulhall a long time to learn not to be an actor. There are only two actors in Hollywood who can act and still appear natural on the scene. They are Charlie Chaplin and Adolphe Menjou. Both are entirely different on the screen than in real life and yet they appear perfectly real.

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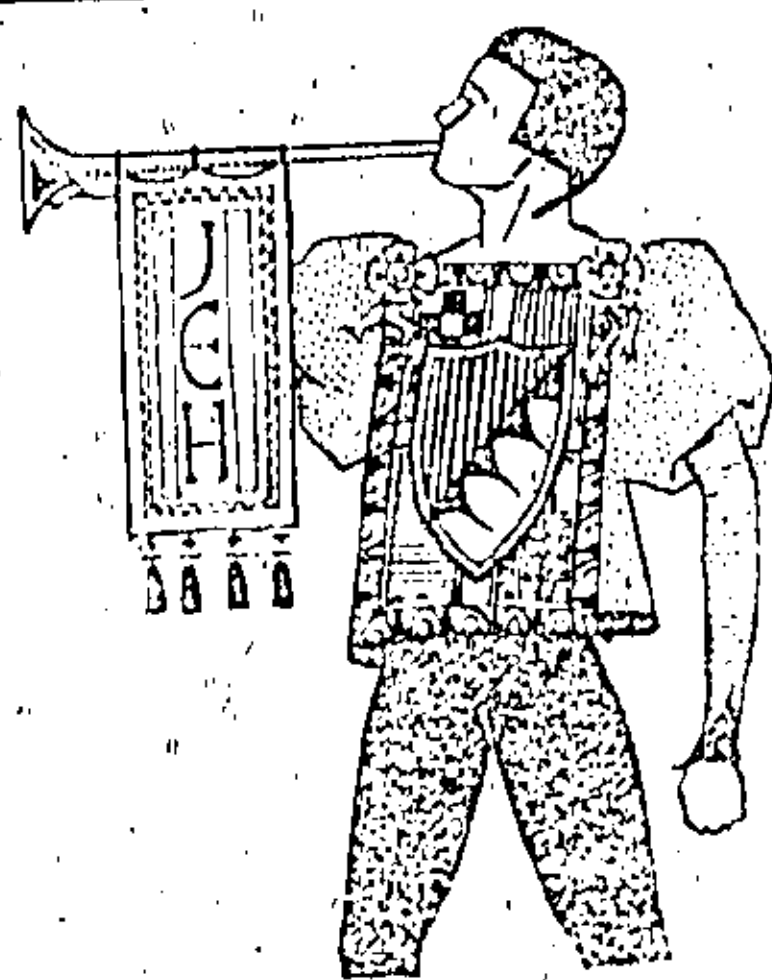
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THE TRUTH TOLD AT LAST.

THE BLACKSMITH MYTH.

It is always distressing to the romantic when their cherished illusions, one after the other, fade under the searching ray of truth. That this fate should have overtaken so well established and beloved a tradition as the blacksmith "priest" of Greyndale is almost more than some of them can bear, and what the novelist is going to do about it is not at present clear. Truth is, however, inexorable. Her light will not be hid, and before it the phantom blacksmith—always a doubtful figure, if Charles Dickens is to be believed—shivers, and dissolves in mist. He is at least quit of the maledictions of those who married in haste to repent at leisure. He and his anvil are absolved.

The blacksmith legend which had grown up round the marriages of Greyndale is, it appears, of comparatively recent date. In an interview with a *Scotsman* representative, the present owner of Greyndale Hall, where many of the marriages took place, corroborated M. Rodocanachi's recent statement to the Institute of France, reported in these columns on 26th October. M. Rodocanachi, it will be recalled, astonished members of the five French Academies by denying the existence of the Greyndale blacksmith.

Charles Dickens's Testimony.

Charles Dickens, in an article written for *Household Words* in 1852, describes "his visit to the scene of many a famous elopement. He breakfasted and dined at Greyndale Hall, then an inn, kept by the widow of the late 'Parson' Linton. This lady showed him the register of marriages at the hall (now in the possession of the present proprietor), dating back to 1825. She pointed proudly to 'one or two German Dukes, to Miss Pendelope Smith and her princely betrothed, to the well-known name of 'Scotchman,' to Lady Adel Villiers and her husband,' and assured him that they still had 'a good sprinkling' of marriages throughout the year. 'She knows nothing,' adds Dickens, 'about the blacksmith, and doesn't believe such a man ever married couples. As far as she knows, these kind of marriages began to be celebrated at Greyndale about 100 years ago.' That would be about the time that the notorious Fleet marriage came to an end, in consequence of Lord Hardwicke's Bill of 1753. Dickens then visited an inn at the adjoining village of Springfield, and here encountered 'Parson' Lang, also full of reminiscences. His own, apparently, a real establishment, but there again, to Dickens's astonishment, there is no knowledge of the blacksmith, unless indeed one Colthard, who 'flourished some where about 120 years ago' (1738), was a smith, and that is by no means certain.

A Matrimonial Tangle.

Among the earlier "priests" of Greyndale was Joseph Paisley, described as a drunken freebooter. Of him an amusing story is told in a little volume by "Claverhouse" (now out of print) on *Greyndale and its Tradition*. Paisley had just married two couples in a desperate hurry. After the ceremony it was discovered, to their mutual horror, that the husbands and wives had got mixed. Paisley was not at all disturbed. "Awed," said he, "at our persons."

Paisley's register of marriages, among others, was lost by fire in the days of "Parson" Robert Elliot, a weaver, who has left interesting Memoirs, now also out of print. Elliot performed the ceremony at "The Marriage House," or "Queen's Head Inn," at Springfield. Three generations of Lays followed, the second of whom was Dickens's informant. The first had been a sea-man, and the last was a postman. Parson John Linton (1825-51) was a valet before he rented Greyndale Hall and turned it into an inn. His duties as innkeeper increasing, he employed first D. Lang, then a local shoemaker, to "perform the ceremony." Run-away matches were also made at another inn at Springfield, the "Maxwell Arms," and at the Sark Toll-Bar, which last was the first house that English couples would reach after crossing the Border by the road made in 1826. The old coach road, a continuation of Watling Street, is now known as the Barras Road, the railway making its appearance in 1840. John Murray, a stonemason, and Simon Beattie were other leading lights in the now numerous fraternity, but it was probably in the reign of Thomas Little, or "Tom the Piper," that what is locally known as the Blacksmith Myth arose.

Deluded Tourists.

No authentic record, it appears, has ever been traced of a blacksmith being in the marriage trade; nor is there any history of the marriages taking place, until quite recently, in a blacksmith's shop. The place, now shown as the blacksmith's shop, and as such visited annually by tourists, was erected

about 1800, and was originally a farm, as a few still living can bear witness. It was converted into a smithy and sort of museum, about 25 years ago, and the villagers, it is said, are not a little annoyed at the streams of credulous visitors who flock to see it—as many as 800 were counted in a day—firmly believing it to be the site of those picturesque weddings of long ago, when the postchaise drove up, and the pair were hardly united before their pursuing relatives or guardians came upon the scene. So firm a hold has the blacksmith legend taken that nothing the Greyndale folk can say will persuade the fond tourist to relinquish it. It has become a sore point in the neighbourhood.

The Mystery Solved.

The clue to the mystery seems to lie in the sign which was painted in "Tom the Piper's" day on the lintel of his house—at that time the only two-storied house in the village—and which Tom and his son agreed to call "The Greyndale Wedding Inn." The sign represented a blacksmith's shop, with a young couple joining hands over the anvil and the old smith bringing down the hammer. Many couples were married in that house, though there was no blacksmith in Greyndale at that time.

Scottish marriages do actually take place to-day at the Greyndale smithy; but it is doubtful whether the record of thirty couples in a day, reached by one of the old "priests" at Carlisle hiring-fair time, will ever be repeated. Nor is it likely that a prosaic modern will offer any quid pro quo to compare with the fantastic gift with which an Italian Count and his lady are reported to have paid their "parson." A tumblerful of gold was his reward, and each of the post-boys had a wine-glassful of gold besides. It is easier to believe in another couple, possibly Scottish. They got married for the prodigious fee of 25 sh.

A reduction of twenty to twenty-five per cent. on all air-lines in Germany is intended to popularise flying this winter. From Berlin to London will now cost 160 marks instead of 190, which is the difference between 48 and 59 10s. Special goods aeroplanes are being put into the ordinary time-table, as the development of the Luft Hansa makes this as necessary as goods trains are on the railway.

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TO-DAY'S FILMS.

THE FOUR HORSEMEN AT THE QUEEN'S.

Rex Ingram's film masterpiece, "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," which has been drawing crowded houses at the Queen's Theatre since Wednesday, completes its run to-day, when every performance is sure to be packed. Presenting Rudolph Valentino at the pinnacle of his career, the picture is a splendid production of the famous novel of war and romance by Blasco Ibanez.

Owing to the length of the picture, cinema-goers should note that special times have been arranged, namely 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30. Performances begin promptly at these times and the picture is screened immediately after the overture.

Other pictures showing for the last time to-day are Laura La Plante's amusing farce "Beware of Widows," at the World Theatre, and "It's the Old Army Game," at the Star Theatre, a picture made by Edward Sullivan, who produced "We're in the Navy Now," W. C. Fields and Louis Brooks are the stars of "It's the Old Army Game."

WUCHOW QUIETER.

A BETTER ATMOSPHERE.

A Wuchow correspondent, writing to the *Telegraph*, states that after three days of panic, the atmosphere there has cleared a little, and most of the shops are now doing business as usual. The cause of the change for the better is that Lei Chung-yan and Pok Chung-hei intend supporting Wang Shao-hung in an effort to bring Kwangtung into line with the movement initiated by those in the ascendancy in Nanking.

An official order from Nanning by Wang Shao-hung requires all public officials to remain at their posts, deserters being threatened with dire penalties. Talk amongst the soldiers is mostly concerned with the proposed invasion of Kwangtung, but the impression one gets is that the soldiers are badly trained and are ill-fitted for active military operations.

The Wuchow branch of the Kwangsi Bank has reopened and exchange, which dropped to \$2.80 and \$3.00 for a Hongkong \$1, on December 10th, was back to \$1.70. Silver is at a premium and as the country people are still in a suspicious mood they will not take paper money.

King Feisal visited the submarine depot at Portsmouth on Nov. 9, and had lunch with Rear-Admiral H. E. Grace, Rear-Admiral of Submarines, who will be remembered as Commodore at Hongkong.

THEFT OF MOTOR SPIRIT.

TRUCK DRIVER SENT TO GAOL.

At the instigation of Mr. B. J. Koeley, manager of the Asiatic Petroleum Company's offices at Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon, a Chinese motor driver appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate, yesterday, on a charge of larceny of four four-gallon tins of benzine, the property of the A.P.C.

The defendant admitted the charge. Inspector McWalter said the accused was the driver of the "Shell" motor spirit truck and delivered benzine to the company's customers. After supplying the China Motor Bus Company with a consignment on Thursday, the defendant was seen to take the truck to his house at 260, Tai Nam Street and there fill four tins from the tank on the truck.

A warrant was immediately issued and in a raid on the premises the four tins were found concealed under some firewood on the verandah of the defendant's house.

Continuing, Inspector McWalter said the A.P.C. had received previous complaints from the Peninsula Garage of short measure having been delivered.

The defendant's house was visited personally by the Inspector who found a greasy track on the roadway outside the premises, which showed that he must have been taking the A.P.C. truck there on several former occasions, as motor traffic was almost unknown in that particular street.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.

WORLD'S ALTITUDE RECORD.

U. S. RECORD ACCEPTED.

Washington, Dec. 10. Lieut. Carlton C. Champion, naval aviator, to-day was credited with having established a new world's altitude record last July 25 when he reached a height of 38,474 feet at Anacostia field, Washington, D.C. The national association accepted the record as authentic to-day.

LETTER GOLF.

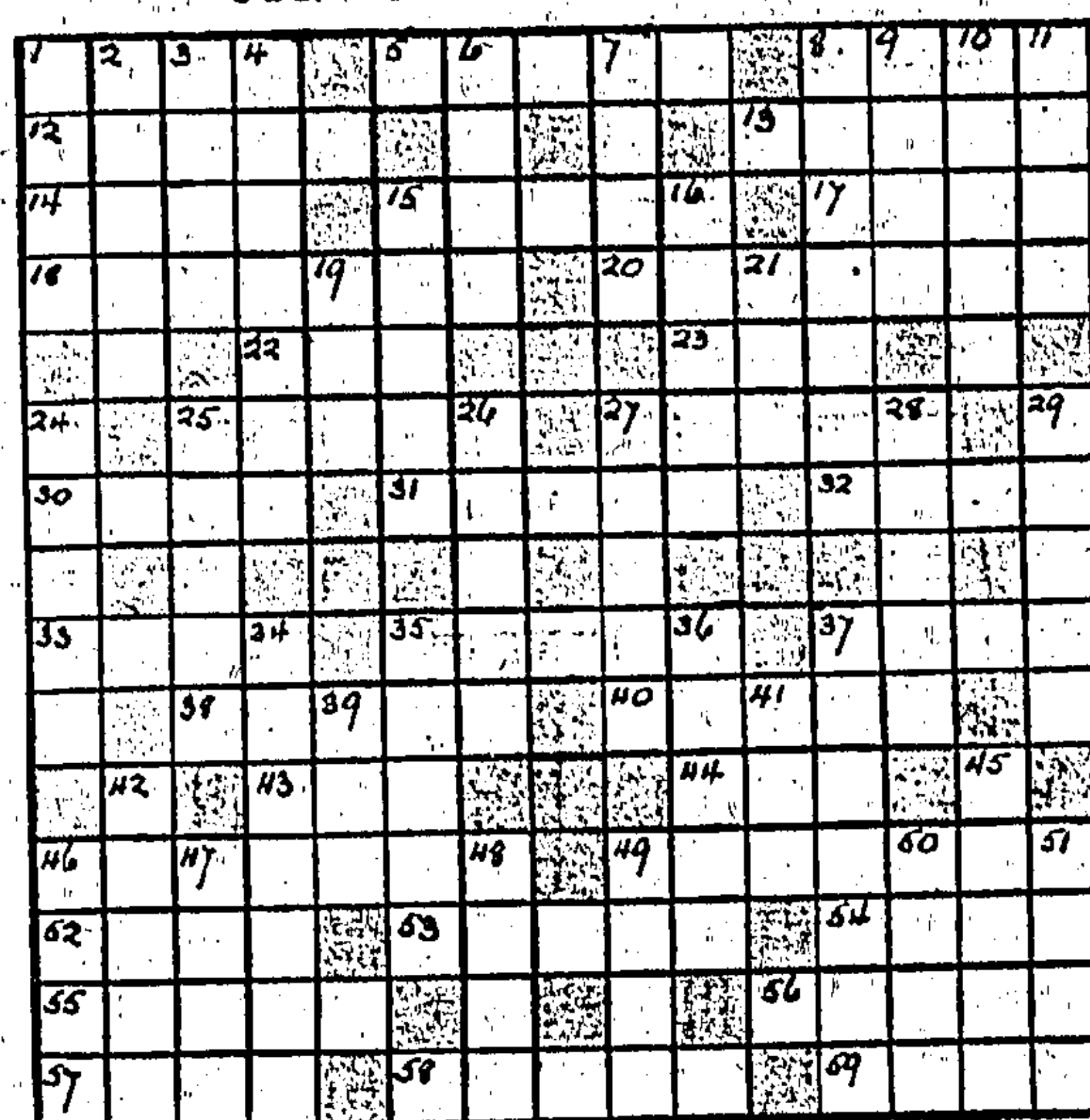
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1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.
3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
4—The order of letters cannot be changed.
One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.
1 One of ancient Scottish race.
5 Vessel used for pleasure.
8 Slight.
12 Public.
13 Large fishing net.
14 Painful.
15 Conclusion.
17 Equal.
18 Vibration of the voice.
20 Ecstasy.
22 Cry of a sheep.
23 Field (Poetical).
25 Little urchin.
27 Out into view.
30 Clever.
31 Ancient language.
32 Every.
33 Noose.
35 Swoon.
37 Look for.
38 Savoury.
40 Perish in water.
43 Rate.
44 Sayings of notable men.
46 Established.
49 Name often applied to zinc.
52 Anxiety.
53 Stone fruit.
54 Small rope.
55 Sour to the taste.
56 Fotters.
57 At that time.
58 Sudden heavy flood.
59 Opposite to east.

Down.
10 Singlish.
11 Small lake.
15 Instrument for thrashing.
16 Saloon.
19 Blockhead.
21 By means of.
24 Injure with hot liquor.
25 Type.
26 Water nymph.
27 Demon.
28 Harbour.
29 Agitate.
34 That which is to be copied.
35 Fastened.
36 Run about idly.
37 Bird that comes in spring and departs of Autumn.
38 Friend.
41 Unit.
42 The strand.
45 Sells.
46 Residence.
47 Perennial plant.
48 Fall.
49 Blenheim.
50 Prong.
51 Repose.

Yesterday's Solution.

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C	A	R	O	L	R	O	C	K	S	D	E	N	
O	V	E	N	D	U	N	E	S	S	L	A	T	
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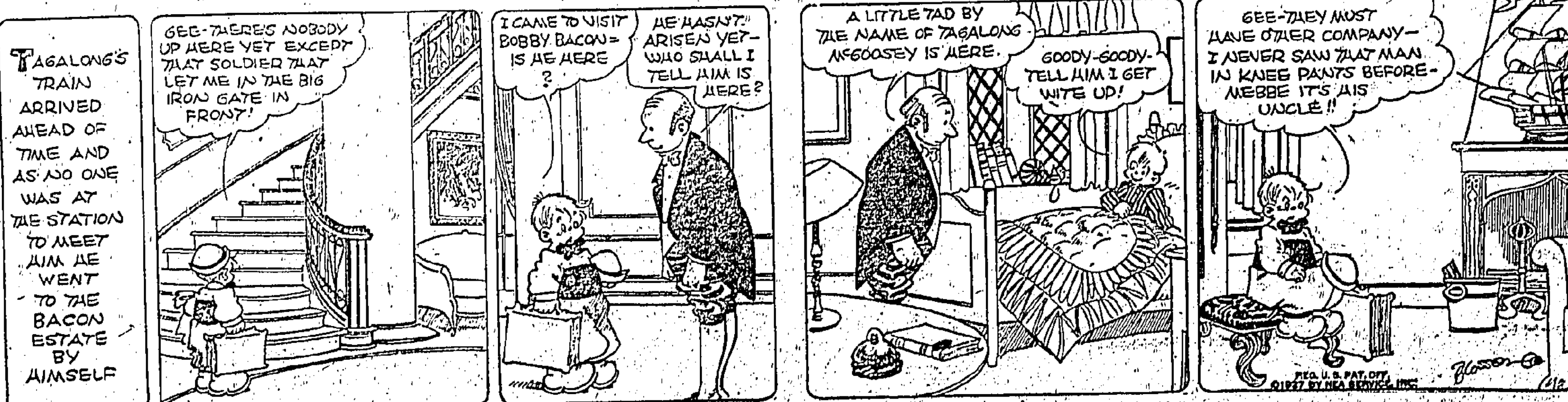
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THE SPIRIT OF CHEERFULNESS.

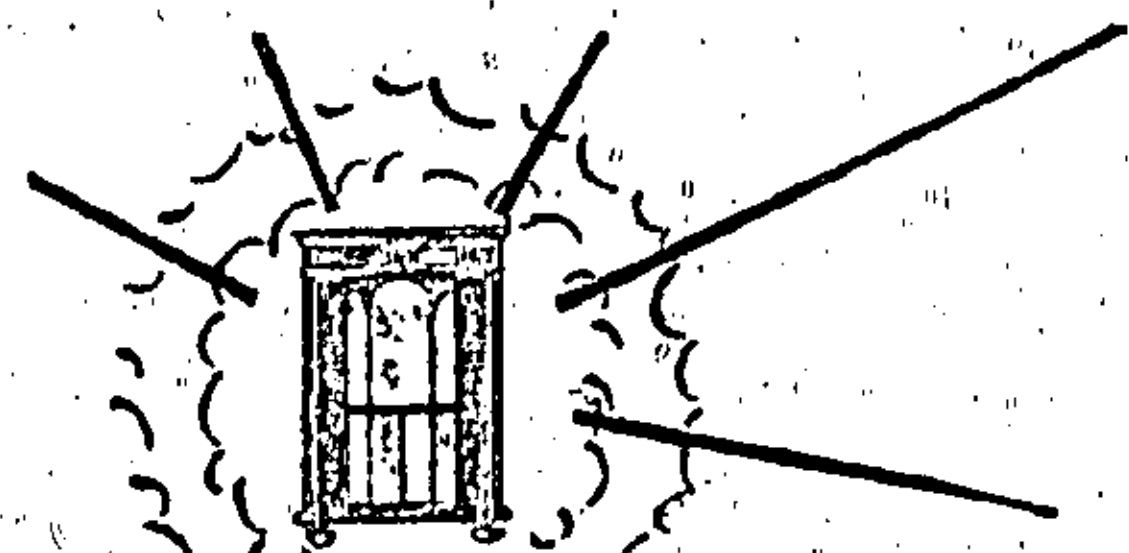
Cheerfulness is largely a matter of outlook. The world is never such a bad place if thoughts dwell on its bright side. After all the happiest life is made up of working hard, playing hard, and rightly appreciating upon suitable occasion the really helpful partnership of . . .

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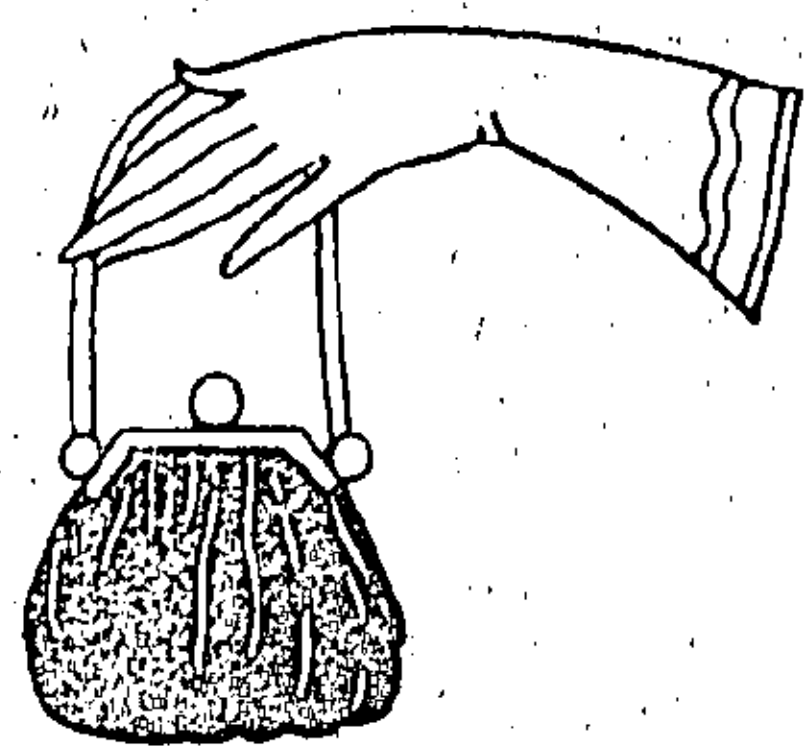
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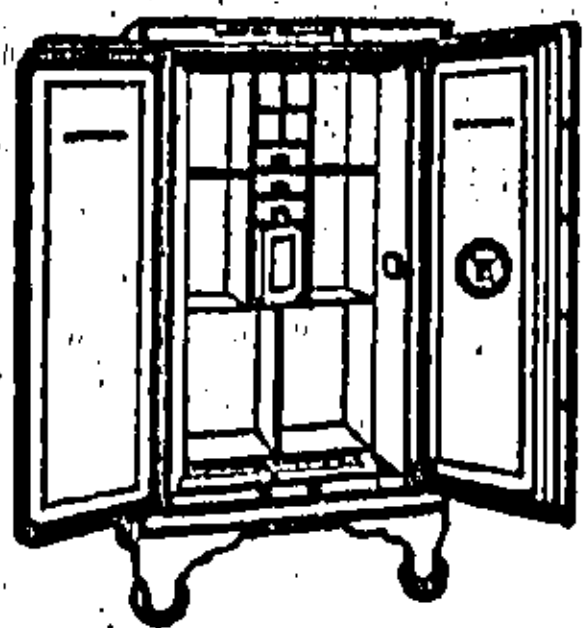
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MEANING OF EMPIRE.

We imagine that the majority of our readers noted the full significance of the words of Mr. Ramsey MacDonald, the Labour leader, when speaking at the annual meeting of the British Branch of the Empire Parliamentary Association. He stressed the fact that the British Empire and the growth of free governmental institutions within it comprised one of the most wonderful constitutional evolutions that has ever taken place, and this view, coming as it does from a man of Mr. MacDonald's political complexion, is an outspoken vindication of the political system by which this great Empire of ours is governed. The Empire Parliamentary Association exists for the purpose of promoting inter-empire and co-operation between the various parliamentary institutions within the Empire, and there can be no doubt of the great value of the work it achieves. The British parliamentary system has been found to be one of the best modelled in the world, and in all of the great self-governing Dominions the parliamentary system of Britain has been, more or less, copied. Fitting it is therefore that there should be an interchange of visits between the Mother Country and the Dominions so that parliamentarians can come to better understand the various problems which each has to face. The visit of members of the House of Commons to Canada in September next year should be a valuable one, and there will doubtless be whole-hearted support given to the Prime Minister's plea that the delegation should be a strong and representative one.

But, whatever value inter-empire visits might have, we think that Mr. Ramsey MacDonald has put his finger on the very heart of the bond that binds the British Empire together. His words are worth re-reading until they are thoroughly learned. Having asserted that a fundamental change had taken place in the relationship between the Mother country and the self-governing dominions since 1914, he pointed out that there was a new and difficult problem as regards the evolution of the nationality of the various countries within the Empire. Australians, Canadians,

South Africans, New Zealanders—these are new nationalities with their own self-governing institutions and Mr. MacDonald rightly points out that it will not be by a mere sentimental agreement on some possible formula that we shall solve the problems attaching to those differing nationalities or bind the Empire together. "It will largely be by the tradition of what we are, of what we have been, and of what is our spiritual view" that the nations of the Empire will continue in consort and co-operation, and, in the light of that truth, Mr. MacDonald reminded his hearers that the very word "Empire" had taken on a new meaning within our own lifetime. "It was one of the most wonderful constitutional evolutions." And it is when one pauses to realise the significance of that fact that one sees how deeply embedded and firm are the foundations of the Empire. It is true that parliamentary and personal contact between all the parts of the Empire is desirable to foster that feeling of close association, but at bottom the peoples of the Empire are one in blood and tradition. The comforting thought is that British Labour, as a political party, has so clear an understanding of the matter.

The Anti-"Red" Movement.

Judging from the reports which have come to hand, all confessed Communists, as well as many who are suspected of being "Reds," are having a terrible time in Canton just now. The events which took place on the occasion of the raid on the Soviet Consulate, together with the revolting treatment meted out to a number of captive Russians by an infuriated mob, make it clear that there is at the moment a very strong revulsion of feeling against those who are believed to have been implicated in the plots which led to the "Red" coup. Whether this implies the existence of any real feeling of anti-Communism as we know it in the West, is to be doubted. Rather would we interpret the occurrences as in the nature of a violent reaction to the experiences which the authorities and the people suffered during the carrying out of the coup, and the subsequent retreat of the extremists. Past happenings have shown that when mob feelings get the upper hand amongst the Chinese, there is scarcely anything that they will not do to wreak revenge on their enemies. At the same time, the widespread feeling which is being aroused in China against those who follow Communist tactics, whatever the true motives of the enemies of the "Reds" may be, is at least comforting to those who want to see extremist rule made impossible in the country. If the Chinese learn from recent occurrences that extremism leads nowhere, then, whatever may be the inspiration of the present movement, the results must be all to the good.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—In his letter published in your issue of the 13th, "Instant Marine" states that he has "never yet been able to grasp what Christian Science really is and how it works." If he desires information, I suggest he visits the Christian Science Reading Room which is in the church edifice on Macdonnell Road, where he can enquire about the matters he wishes explained. It is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 7, and on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 to 12 noon.

It appears to me idle for "Marine" to theorize about what a Christian Science practitioner would or would not say by the bedside of a patient. The real point is what the effect of Christian Science treatment would be, and in this regard I would like to quote what Dr. Charles Hunter, of Winnipeg, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Manitoba, stated in an address at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Medical Association in 1925. "Christian Science has helped many persons suffering from diseases which the medical practitioner had defied diagnoses. . . . Further, it has brought relief to individuals who were victims of some organic disorder." Also, Dr. Drummond Shiels, M.P. for one of the divisions of Edinburgh, in a speech in the House of Commons, in the

DAY BY DAY.

GENTLE WORDS, QUIET WORDS, ARE, AFTER ALL, THE MOST POWERFUL WORDS. THEY ARE MORE CONVINCING, MORE COMPELLING, MORE PREVAILING.—Washington Gladden.

No Show-shan.—Your letter should be addressed to the journal whose articles you criticise.

The Ben Linc s.s. Benlinc, from Home, Straits and Philippines ports, is due here on the 25th instant.

The P. and O. s.s. Khiva, which left Shanghai at 12.30 p.m. on the 15th instant, is due here at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

Moe Cheung has some excellent photographs of the destruction caused by the "Reds" in Canton during the recent reign of terror.

The British Consul General at Canton notifies for information that ships can pass Bocca Tigris Forts at night but not Whampoa Forts.

Made under the Asiatic Emigration Ordinance, a new scale of medicines and medical comforts for Chinese passenger ships is contained in the Gazette.

A bankruptcy notification states that a second and final dividend of \$2.50 per cent. has been declared in the matter of the Tai Shun Shipyard, of Lam Lo, Apichau.

His Excellency the Governor has re-appointed Dr. Woo Tin Po to be a Member of the Medical Board for a further term of three years, with effect from 28th October, 1927.

A qualifying examination for appointments of Probationer Clerks in Government Service is to be held in Queen's College Hall on Saturday and Monday, January 14th and 16th, 1928, at 9 a.m.

His Majesty the King has approved the appointment of the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Kt. to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council for a further term of four years, with effect from the 2nd December, 1927.

His Majesty the King has approved the appointment of the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council for a further term of four years, with effect from the 4th October, 1927.

It is notified that copies of the daily return of notifiable diseases occurring in the Colony during the previous 24 hours may be obtained by any registered medical practitioner on application after 10 a.m. on all days except Sundays and holidays at the offices of the Sanitary Department.

Notice is given that the Governor proposes to make an order under the Streets (Alteration) Ordinance, 1923, for the closing, permanently, of that portion of High Street, in the City of Victoria, which lies between a line across High Street, approximately fifty feet east of Eastern Street, and the "No motors" sign near the eastern end of High Street.

Every seat was taken at the Theatre Royal last night for the Philharmonic Society's presentation of "Merrie England." The work of the principals, chorus and orchestra alike was excellent, and the frequent enthusiastic applause of the large audience indicated the enjoyment derived. Lack of space prevents more extensive comment. The final performance takes place to-night.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Dec. 16.
Paris	121
Brussels	34.89
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Berlin	20.43
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.60
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Oslo	2.27/64
Bucharest	7.90
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Shanghai	1/10.1 1/16
Yokohama	1.88 5/32
New York	25.23
Geneva	11.00
Milan	18.08
Stockholm	18.34 1/2
Prague	104 1/2
Madrid	29.26
Athens	3.66
Rio	1.29/32
Bombay	1/10.1 1/16
Hongkong	26.13/16
Silver (spot)	26.13/16
Silver (forward)	26.13/16

debate on Unqualified Medical Practice, said: "Some of the most remarkable cases I know of, wonderful cures have been in connexion with Christian Science, which I have seen myself and known.—Yours, etc."

D. G. M. BERNARD,
Committee on Publication,
First Church of Christ, Science,
Hongkong, Dec. 16th, 1927.

EXPERT WITNESSES.

Regarded with Old-Fashioned Suspicion.

With the remarkable advances in all sciences, experts are entitled to claim more public respect. Therefore it is somewhat surprising that expert witnesses continue to be regarded in our Law Courts with rather old-fashioned suspicion.

Mr. Justice McCardie recently had some biting remarks to say of these gentlemen who are presumed to bring into Court the training and experience of years. "I hope I am not cynical, or affected unduly by a long experience of experts, but from my observation during 30 years I have come to the conclusion that the views of an expert vary very much with the side by which he is called."

It is strange that it should still be so, but it is a fact that experts are of all witnesses the most unpopular in our Courts of law. Mr. Justice Horridge was once humorous and sarcastic at their expense, and only a few weeks earlier the unanimous and carefully considered evidence of three medical men of the highest reputation was deliberately ignored by the jury, with the complete agreement of the Judge.

There was a time when such suspicion was well founded. It was notorious that experts were ready to go into Court and fit their testimony to whichever side had hired them. Sir Henry Hawkins, later Baron Brampton, said that sometimes he was able to lead an expert witness to a claimant to expert value for a claimant to such a gross exaggeration of the value of a business, as to stamp the claim with fraud, and so destroy his evidence altogether.

No doubt it is still true that there are experts who have no scruples about fitting their evidence to the side paying them, but they are only few in number. They could be dealt with quite effectively without discrediting the value of all expert testimony and casting an unworthy suspicion upon all men who bring valuable knowledge to Court.

As it is, no expert is safe, and men who have given their lives to some science or profession, and could not be bribed to vary their evidence to suit a particular cause or favour an individual, have to share in this conventional contempt for expert testimony.

We have seen great poison experts like Sir Bernard Spilsbury and Dr. Bronte held in the witness-box for hours, while counsel have merely tried to look clever and to score at their expense.

We have seen eminent engineers like the late Sir Douglas Fox honestly trying to place their great knowledge at the service of a tribunal. They have been persistently and deliberately diverted by learned amateurs obviously more concerned in winning "laughter in court" and their case, than in getting the valuable truth from men who knew, and whose

opinions were as honest as their reputations, and not to be bought out.

It is really time that justice kept pace with educational progress, and that justice was done to the expert witness. We should not forget that since that rather impetuous Judge, Lord Russell, of Killowen, described the expert witness as "something in the nature of a superlative liar," there has been wonderful progress in all the sciences.

Nor does the fact that sometimes experts differ justify the persistent libel that masters of the science of crime or in the professions will tell any tale for a fee. Even His Majesty's Judges have in the past made mistakes in this matter. Baron Bramwell said of experts that such witnesses are "liars, damned liars, or just experts," adding in an aside, "For instance, there is my brother, Fred."

Now Sir Frederick Bramwell was a celebrated engineer and a man of unassailable probity. Assuredly, therefore, the Judge was merely trying to be clever, and would have been painfully surprised to learn that his gibe was taken seriously. Yet it is often quoted, and has been handed down as a serious judgment on expert witnesses.

During a murder case some while ago there was a striking conflict of evidence between Sir Bernard Spilsbury and Dr. Bronte, which provoked much public comment and some satire on the differences of experts. But other scientific and professional men found no difficulty in appreciating both points of view.

It is natural for experts to differ; one of the commonest fallacies is that great minds think alike. Indeed, that is the blessed privilege of little minds. The whole history of scientific investigation and progress is the story of great, well-trained minds having the courage and originality to approach a problem from different angles.

It is in the highest interests of justice that experts should be respected. The specialist is indispensable, whether it is a serious crime drama, a costly dispute over medical methods, a deal in precious art, or a question of patents or commercial processes on which thousands of pounds and the future of some big industry may depend.

It is the man who has given the best of his life to the particular study who can help both Judge and jury. They have suffered a century of invidious opportunity of being heard in their own defence. In our more enlightened age we ought to have greater respect for the specialist.

R. S. M.

RUBBER MARKET.

THE POSITION ANALYSED.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following quotations on rubber shares:

Allenbys	\$3.10
Glencories	3.10
Jimahs	2.75
Kedahs	4.30
Malaka Pindas	2.70
Pajams	2.75

The market tone at the moment is fairly hopeful, but reactions are inevitable in any but bad markets, so that, if rubber's flight is to be continued, we must expect periodically to see quite healthy arrests, whereas the present one would appear to be particularly healthy, in view of the fact that London stocks came down at one time about 5,000 tons.

The following data bear out the contention of the British authorities that 1/9 per pound, which at present continues to be the pivotal price under the Stevenson Restriction Scheme, is a very equitable and just one. If the rubber companies succeed in getting an average of 1/9 per pound for their production—a rate which even the American tyre companies now seem to admit is fair—very handsome dividends should be distributed to shareholders.

In view of the fact that the Colonial Office has now set all fears at rest regarding scrapping the restriction scheme, and that the Straits Settlements Legislature is determined to tighten the loose parts of the plan, it will not be surprising to find that the 1923 average for raw rubber will work out to over 1/9 per pound. Thus handsome distributions seem assured and, provided nothing untoward takes place, next year promises to vie with 1925, the year of the last boom.

The Kampong Kamunting Tin Dredging Co. has declared a dividend of 1s. 6d. per share.

£100,000 FILM.

"THE LAST DAYS OF POMPEII" COMING.

According to a special advertisement appearing in this issue, the splendid Italian production of "The Last Days of Pompeii" is to be screened at the World Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday of next week. Any reader of this famous book will at once appreciate the immense amount of material that it offers for effective screen production.

The ancient, and now submerged, city of Pompeii, with Vesuvius towering in the distance, would make a telling setting for any story. Take the exciting adventures of Glaucus and Ione, the devoted blind girl, Nydia, and the wily Egyptian, Abaces, and you have a film in some respects unparalleled.

Produced by the Societa Italiana Grandi Films, the film took over a year to complete, cost over £100,000 to make, and employed 45,000 people. But we are not surprised at such a figure when we look upon Pompeii as it was 1,900 years ago, in the full glory of its grandeur and prosperity. The climax is reached in excitement at the very moment when Glaucus encounters the lion in the vast arena, and at the moment of denunciation of Abaces, clouds of vapour and masses of molten lava are seen issuing from the lofty crater of Vesuvius. The great cataclysm of nature is upon the doomed city, and scenes of terror and unimaginable confusion follow.

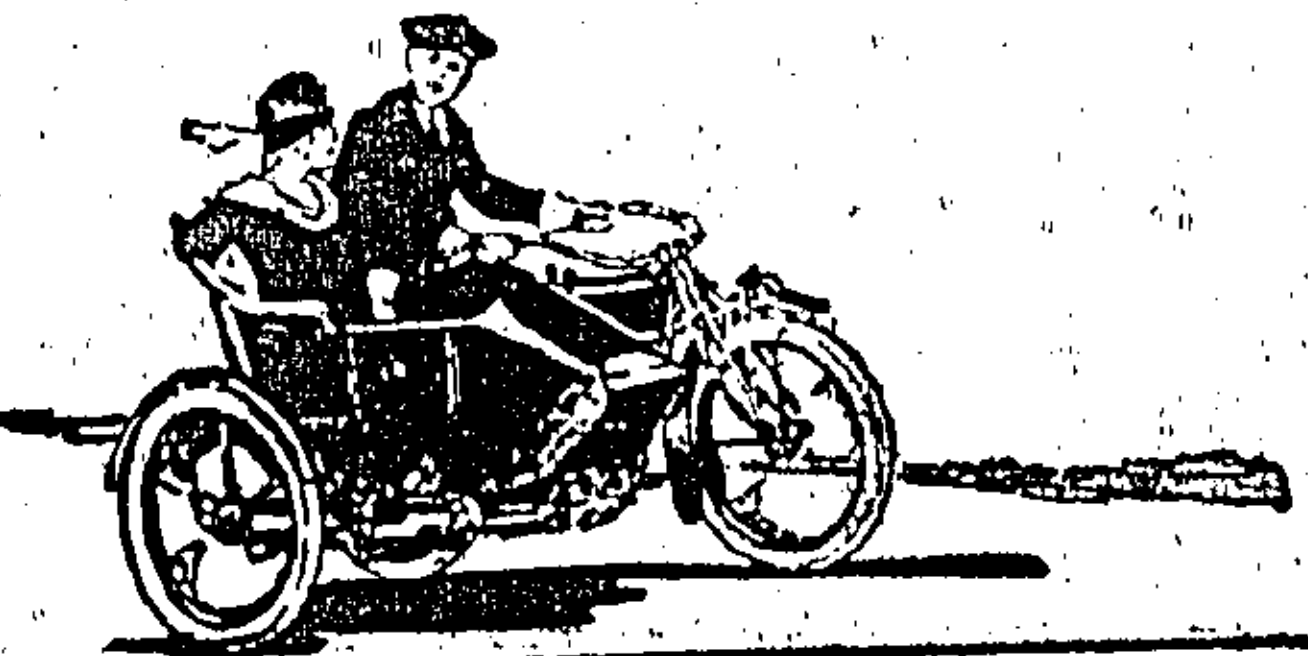
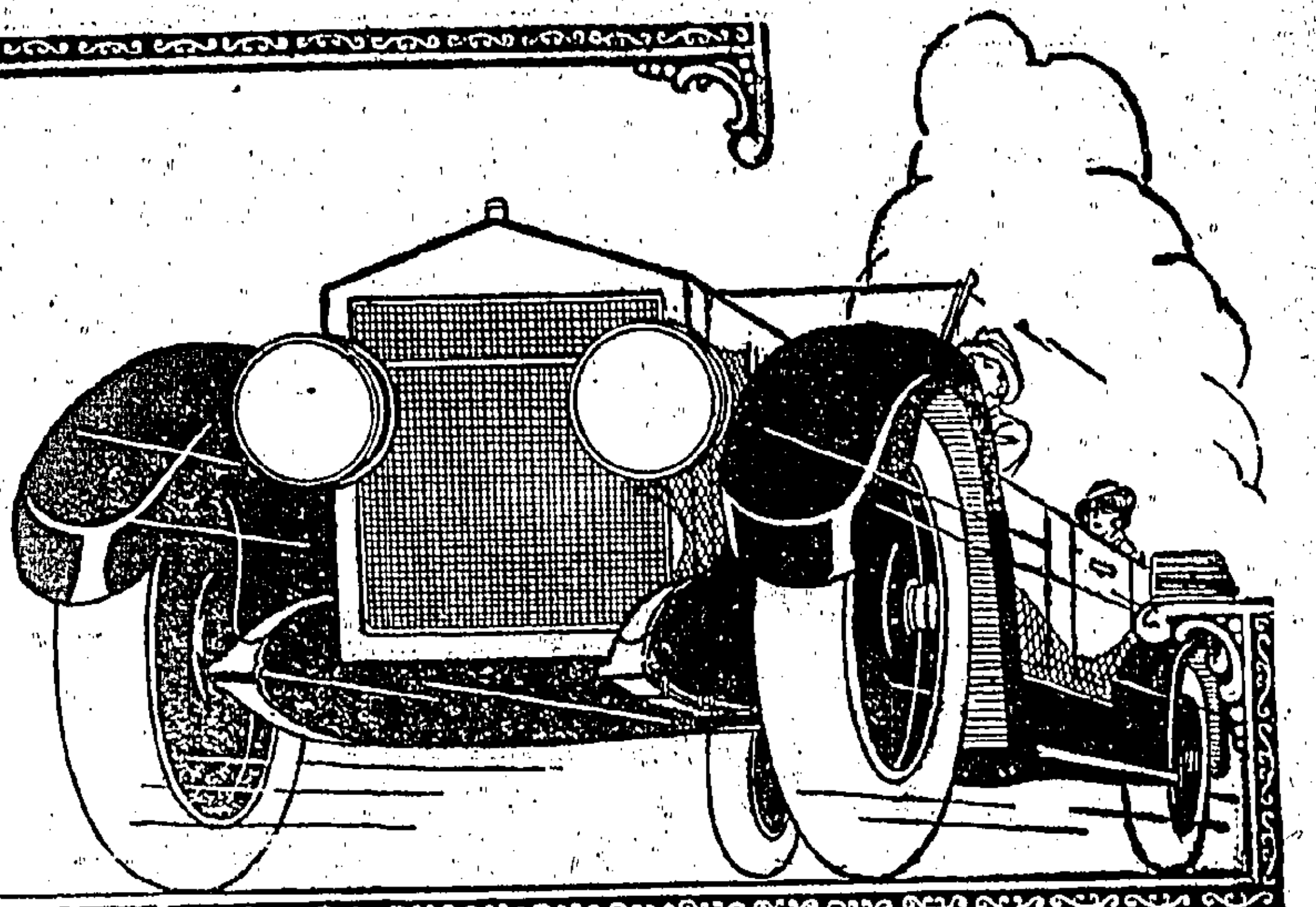
But the closing scene shows the refugees sailing to safety over the calm waters and beneath the still rose dawn. Maria Corda is starred as Nydia (the blind girl) and Bernhard Goetzke as Abaces.

The week-end weather forecast is:—East winds, fresh; generally cloudy.

MOTORING SUPPLEMENT

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CURRENT COMMENT

Last Night's Event.

The report of last night's H.K.A.A. Dinner Dance appears elsewhere in to-day's issue of the *Telegraph*, this supplement having gone to press before the event.

Peak Transport.

The question has recently been discussed concerning the advisability of allowing small motor vehicles to use certain Peak roads. The matter of public safety is, of course, the main argument, but those in favour of permission being granted to motor vehicles point out that in many localities, a driver of a car would have more effective control of his vehicle than a coolie has of a ricksha. We can certainly substantiate the assertion that rickshas are difficult to control at times, and furthermore, that some of the coolies are extremely reckless in the manner in which they dash down gradients.

Mechanical Control.

It will be admitted that a small car can be brought to a standstill in less space than a speeding ricksha, and providing the utmost caution be exercised in driving motor vehicles along some of the roads, we can see no great objection from the point of view of safety. For many years, motor ambulances have safely negotiated the route to the Matilda Hospital, and also along the Barker Road to the Victoria Hospital. Contractors' lorries have frequently been seen on the latter road, and drivers appear to recognise the necessity for caution. Private cars also use the Barker Road by special permission, and so far, there does not appear to have been any nuisance or danger caused thereby.

Danger to Children.

There is also the question of creating any danger to children who take their airing on most of the Peak roads, but in this aspect also, we do not think that the motor vehicle would increase the danger already existing in regard to rickshas.

Probable Disagreement.

Although a number of people will probably disagree with the suggestion to allow motor vehicles on Peak road, the reason for such objection cannot be on account of the danger caused. Not so very long ago, a resident was knocked down by a ricksha, and narrowly escaped serious injury as a result. Many Peak residents will agree that it is often necessary to jump out of the way of a ricksha, whereas a motor vehicle would give adequate warning, and stop immediately when required.

No General Permission.

We do not for one moment suggest that the roads we have in mind should be thrown open to general traffic, but that residents who desire to be driven to their homes, might be allowed to do so, should such permission be granted, special instructions could be issued, and unless every care were exercised, the permit would be cancelled.

Faultfinders.

In every city in the world, one finds unthinking people who love to find fault, for the simple reason that it is so easy to find fault. Hongkong is no exception to the rule, and one of the favourite topics of these folk here is the traffic beacon. Strangely enough, the opinion of motorists appears to be of no significance, and yet, we have been invariably informed when making enquiries, that the adoption of the beacon system is much to be preferred to the previous unsatisfactory control exercised by native traffic police. And this from the motorists themselves! As far as we are concerned, personal observation certainly justifies the opinion. We speak of condemning "that which is not understood," for in the comment to which our attention has been drawn, the beacon was mixed up with a comment on gas lighting!

PUNCTURES OFTEN.

Rural roads of Europe are hard on tyres, not because of the roads themselves, but because of the hails dropped out of the shoes of farmers. An Englishman returning from a 2,500-mile trip on the continent says he had a puncture to every 200 miles of travel.

ONLY 3 IN FRONT SEAT.

Motor vehicle laws in Wisconsin allow only three adults in the front seat of any motor car. No person is allowed to ride on fenders, the hood, running board or any part of the car other than that part intended for riding purposes.

WEIGHT FOR AGE.

I have a secret (maybe vain) ambition—
I long to be the driver of a truck;
And if I bring this hoping to fruition,
I want a siren shrill that howls, "Whuck whuck!"
I need a towering, monstrous truck and massive,
That owns the road and doesn't give a dash;
That weighs some fourteen tons, will stand impassive
And unresisting in a head-on smash.
I want a truck to make me look impressive; (I'm not so very tall nor large myself);
A cliff-like truck, that's built in tiers, successive;
I'll drive it, like a parcel on a shelf.

The reason for this vain and anxious hoping
You'll realise, and understand a bit,
When I explain that erstwhile I've been hoping
Round in a car that's quite a neat, tight fit.
A miniature and undersized small wagon,
An easy car to drive, a pet to ride,
It spat more smoke and noises than a dragon,
But caused me pains and panic in my pride.
A lorry-driver did it. One glance cursory
He gave. Then shouted loud, with laughter wild;
"Take that right back and put it in the nursery."
"Go on, I saw you pinch it from the child."

NOISE A VIRTUE.

Traffic in Turkey.

BOYS AS EQUIPMENT.

It is in search of a nice, quiet, noiseless spot for a rest cure, don't choose Constantinople (Turkey).

Because the streets are narrow and crooked, and most of the population are fatalists, the traffic progresses to the clamour of a constant blowing of horns, aided by screams, shrieks, shouts and gesticulations.

Cars carry as many as three horns—and use them all at once. Some even carry a small boy on the running board to watch both ways and to blow the horns. The driver needs both hands to steer the car around the pedestrian and livestock population.

SEALS PUNCTURES.

Remarkable Liquid.

Convincing proof of the merits of a new puncture-proof liquid was given in Sydney recently by the manager of Air-Stop Manufacturing Company.

Into an inflated tyre three long nails were driven, and then removed. Air could be felt hissing from the nail holes; but when the tyre had been rolled around the floor three times the leaks stopped, and there was no sign of deflation. An examination of the tyre showed that it had previously been punctured at least 30 times by nails.

This instantaneous seal of the punctures was accomplished by Air-Stop, which, in liquid form, had been injected into the tube through the valve stem. The formula of the liquid is, of course, a secret held by the manufacturing company, which purchased the Australian rights from the American makers, who have already sold 2,000,000 tins of the mixture in the U.S.A.

Claims made for the puncture-proof liquid are: It does not solidify; is not explosive; is not affected by temperature; and lasts the life of the tube.

Substantiating the contention that Air-Stop does not affect rubber in any way, the manufacturers will issue a guarantee with every can promising to replace any tube which a user considers to have been rotted by the liquid.

The mixture is automatic in its action. The only necessity to seal a puncture is to spin the wheel a few times, after withdrawing a nail, in order to circulate the liquid. Each tube requires about one pint of liquid to be fully proofed, and the compound will be marketed in half-gallon tins.

MORRIS ITINERARY.

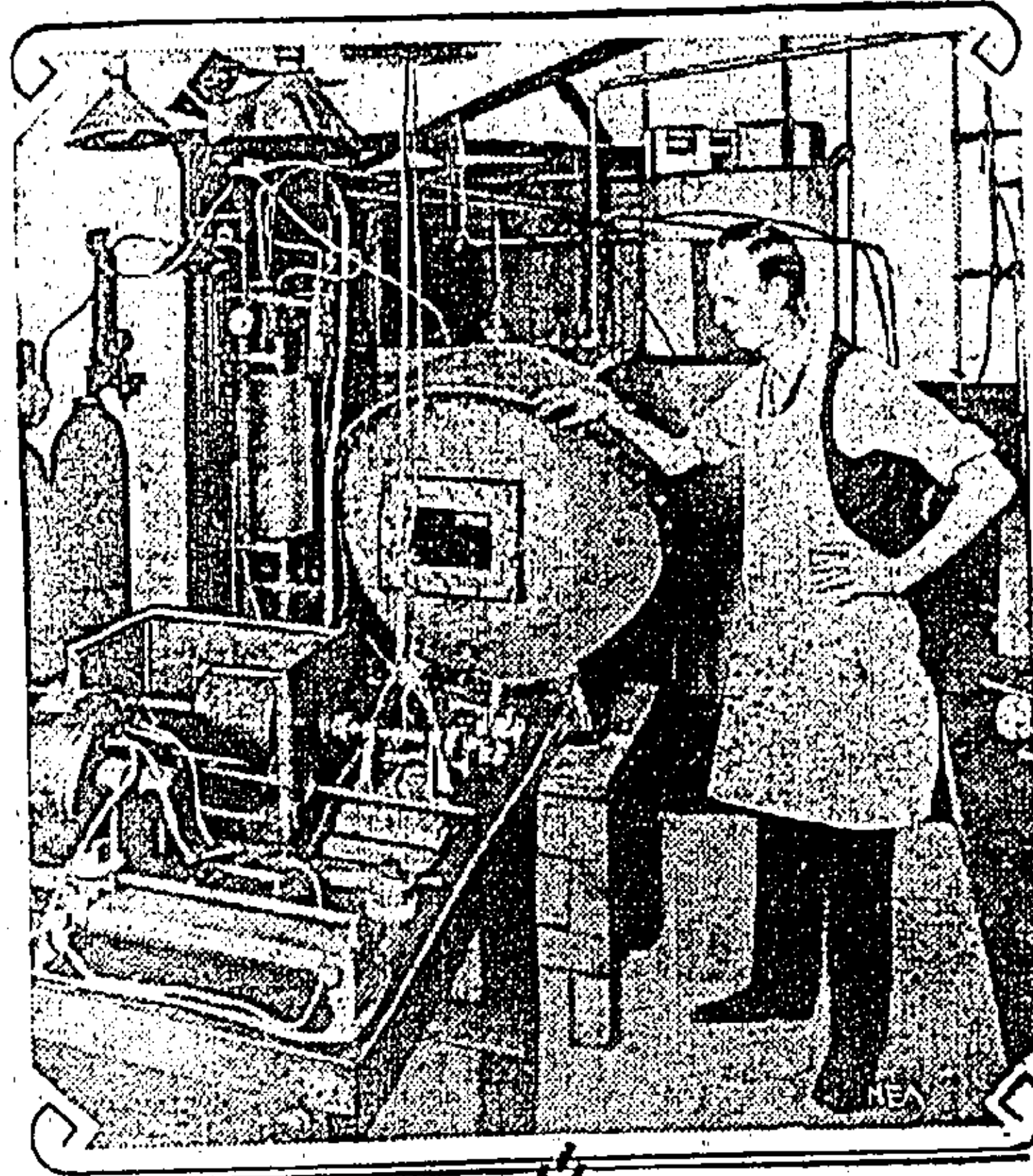
Interest in Everything.

While on his trip to Australia Mr. W. R. Morris, governing director of Morris Motors, Ltd., will visit many parts of the Empire.

He has already left England on a world tour to study transport conditions and trade. In his survey he will judge conditions, not from the standpoint of the private car only, but also from that of commercial "and farm" vehicles. The tour will be the biggest thing of its kind undertaken by any individual motor chief, and is likely to extend almost to the date of the 1928 British car show.

Mr. Morris will visit America and Canada, and afterwards Japan, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, and India. Methods of engine and chassis manufacture, body-making, with a special interest in sheet metal designs, roads, undeveloped country, and types most suitable for the conveyance of passengers and goods, and selling and financial systems will all be intimately surveyed.

SOAP BUBBLE CALCULATIONS.



C. W. Tucker, of the U. S. Bureau of Standards, is shown here operating the experimental soap bubble engine.

Scientists have gone to the extent of blowing soap bubbles in order to find out exactly what happens inside of an automotive engine.

They are doing this in the laboratories of the United States Bureau of Standards in Washington, where they have built a complicated system of tubes, motors, measuring instruments and camera to take the part of the simple clay pipe of our childhood.

By this intricate arrangement, however, they can watch and even photograph the soap bubble as it fills with the mixture of gases they pump into it, and as it bursts when a spark is ignited in its centre. The camera is an extremely fast movie device, so that it can photograph the almost instantaneous action as the gas explodes within the bubble.

Seek Combustion Answer.

Automotive engineers admit they are still at a loss to tell what combustion in a gas engine really is. In fact, they don't know how it takes place, although they have rather a rough idea. They know, for instance, that the gas mixture, while under heavy pressure, ignites first and then explodes.

It is known that there is an interval between what is called the "flash point" and the explosive point. But what actually happens in that interval, as well as before and after, and how it happens, is practically unknown.

If such facts were known, engineers could improve their engine designs to bring them closer to perfection.

So the soap bubble is adopted to learn these secrets. It is chosen first because it is transparent and the engineer can watch, as well as photograph, what happens within.

and secondly because it is perhaps the most perfect engine obtainable.

No Friction Losses.

"It operates without bearings, cylinder or piston, and with small heat losses against the pressure of its surroundings," reads the report of the Bureau of Standards. So, with practically no mechanical losses and little heat loss, nearly everything that goes in call be got out of it in the form of measurable energy.

Thus the entire cycle of the action within this perfect cylinder or engine can be photographed.

"The remarkable photographic records so secured," the report continues, "show that instead of being a haphazard, wholly erratic process as one is led to infer from the mere testimony of eyes and ears and the broken fragments of strong containers, the explosive reaction under the condition of constant pressure which the soap bubble provides is seen to be, as law-abiding and as accurately symmetrical as any known."

Action Is Measured.

As a result, accurate and dependable measurements are obtained during the explosive action, telling to what extent the gases break up, how they do it, at what point the action is most effective, what effect the process has on any inner gases in the mixture and any other related factors that can be measured in the combustion process.

Study of this soap bubble engine will therefore bring about a better understanding of the operation of gas engines.

In the end, we may expect more efficient, more economical and more powerful power plants in our automobiles.

"STANDS D'AUTOMOBILES."

French department stores have a new department called "Standards Automobiles." French motorists can now buy their cars, accessories and tyres "over the counter" through this department, which carries a full line of passenger cars and trucks.

SCHOOLS USE BUSES.

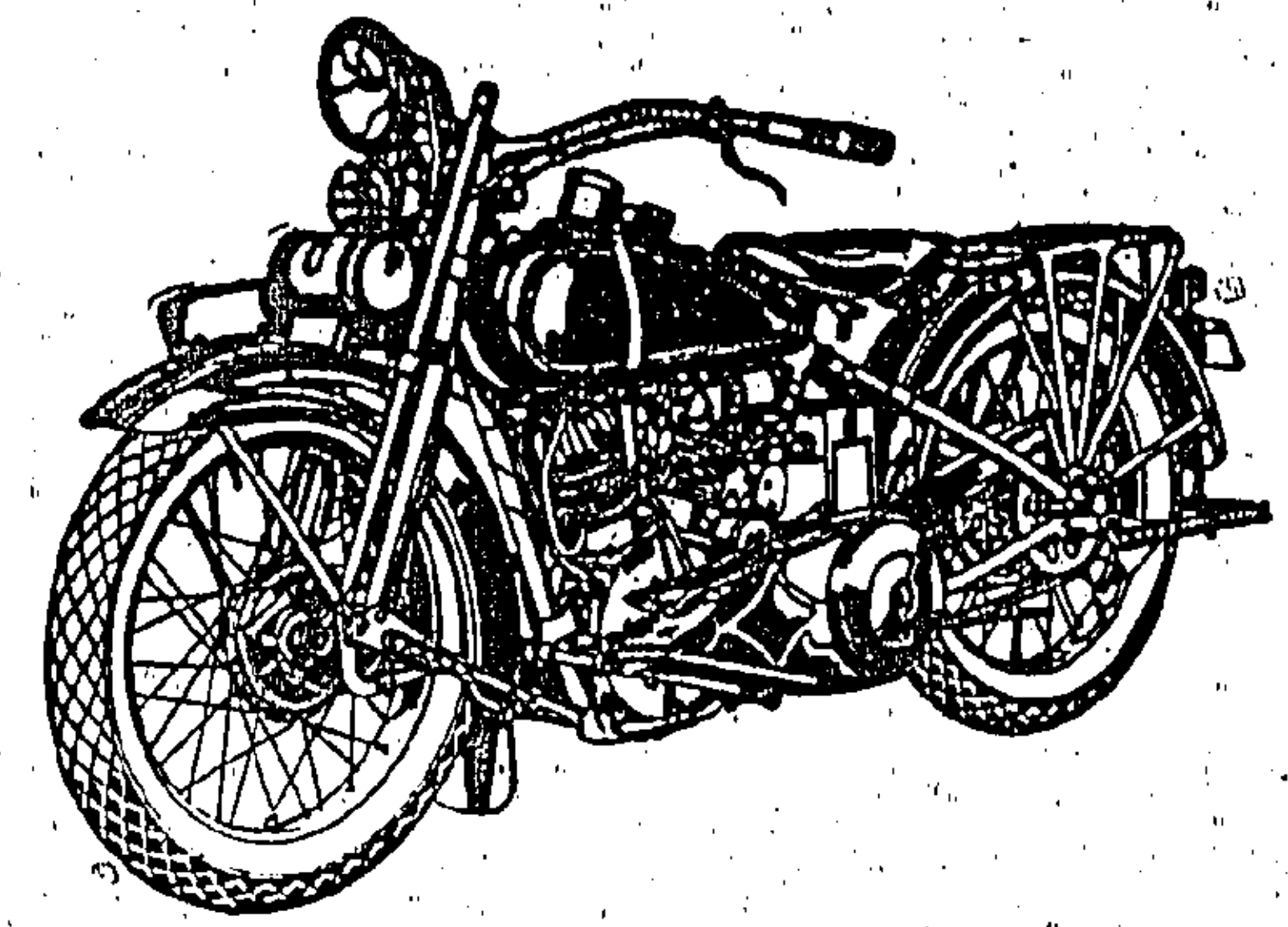
There are 986 schools in New England using the motor bus for the transportation of children to and from their homes.

BIG SHARE FOR CANADA.

Of the \$751,000,000 spent by American tourists in foreign countries this year, \$200,000,000 was spent in Canada.

ALIBIS DON'T GO.

Carl Bauer, Cleveland motorcycle policeman, has invented a two-dial speedometer designed to check up on complaining speedsters. One dial records the maximum speed and the other clocks the exact speed travelled over a certain distance.



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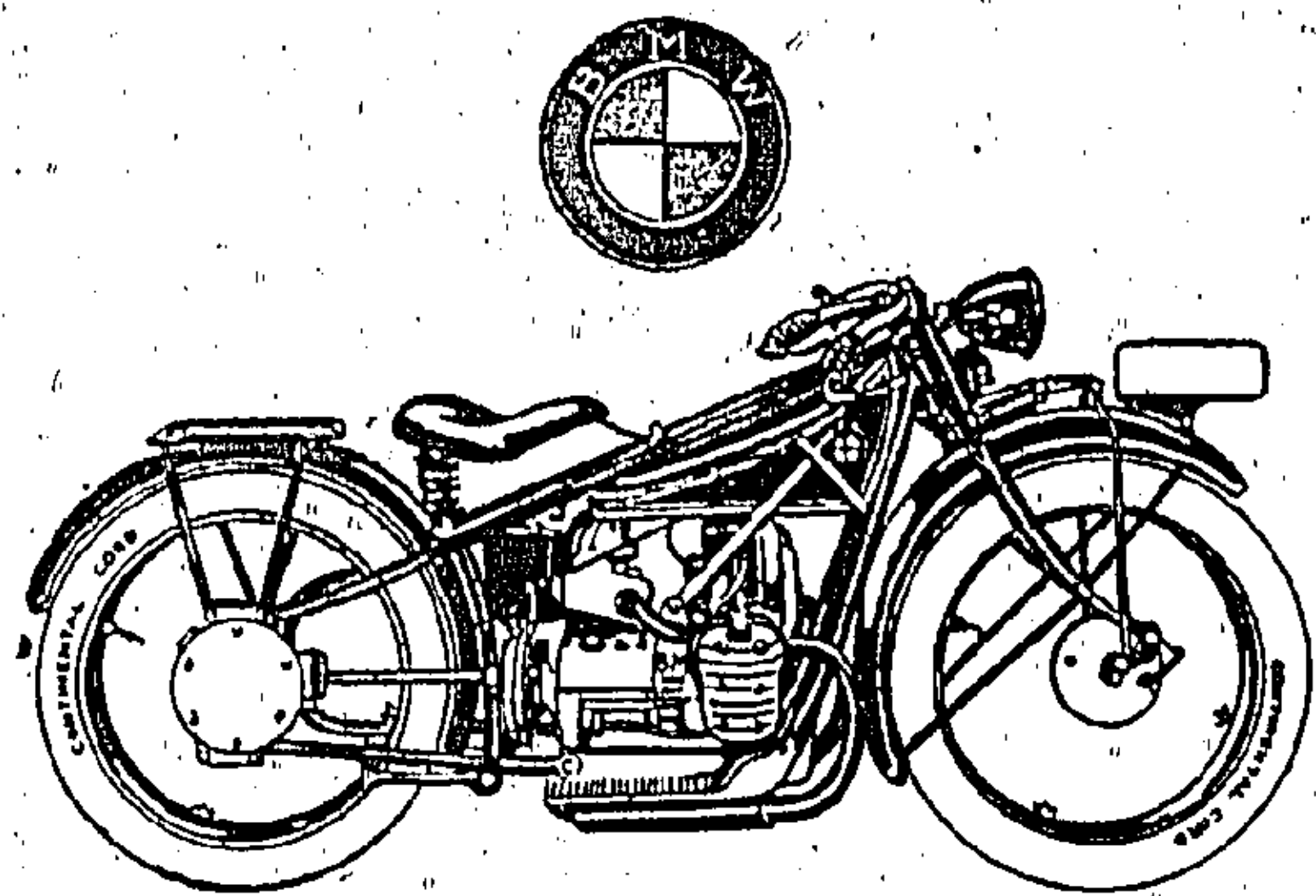
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THE EIFEL NURBURG RING.

Europe's Most Difficult Motor-car Track.

By B. von Lengerke, Managing Director of the Avus Co., Berlin.

The German motor-car industry and the German motoring clubs had long felt the need for a difficult and varied road track on which they could, at all times, test their cars and other manufactures in order to proceed to further improvements. It was seen that such a track would give an impulse to the German motor-car business and would provide, at the same time, work for the unemployed.

Consequently, such a track was constructed in the Eifel—a fine mountain region to the west of the river Rhine. The district is poor and sparsely inhabited; the track itself is unmatched in the whole of Europe; it is, indeed, a gigantic undertaking, particulars of which it is the purpose of this article to enumerate.

The Nurburg-Ring is a tarred macadam racing-track kept continually in thorough condition. With its 28 kilometers, its 170 curves and its variations in height reaching 650 metres, it constitutes an unrivalled track for all kinds of vehicles; nowhere else is it possible to find a track so suitable for the practical testing of automobiles by forced long-distance running.

The Nurburg-Ring has throughout a useful breadth of 8 metres, expanding to 10 metres or more in the occasionally somewhat banked curves. Its variations of rise and fall are adapted to the mountainous formation. They are, in some cases, as much as 17 per cent, and are so rapid that cars running over the track at forced speed subject every portion of their structure to the severest strain. The use of such a testing ground is bound to lead gradually to a marked improvement in the qualities of the vehicles. It is clear, therefore, that the Nurburg-Ring possesses far more than merely local importance; as a matter of fact, it has already acquired an international standing in sporting and technical circles.

Owing to its mountainous and picturesque situation, the Nurburg-

Ring can bear comparison with only one other racing road in Europe. That other road is the Track Madonie in Sicily. But the Madonie has nothing like the road surface possessed by the Nurburg Ring. The difference between the two is palpably evident from the fact that the highest average speed attained on the Sicilian track only slightly exceeds 70 km. per hour, whereas the average on the Nurburg Ring already surpasses 100 km.

The track was begun in August, 1925, and finished in June, 1927. There were also constructed, during this short period, roads requisite to carry the enormous traffic coming and going during the races; so, too, were the enormous stands and refreshment rooms etc., the promenades, and a gigantic, concrete starting place with room for 50 vehicles and their drivers etc. All the roads which meet the track have been bridged over, so that there is not a single crossing throughout its entire course. This meant building 17 bridges, for which purpose 11,000 cubic metres of concrete were required. For the building of the track itself 210,000 cubic metres of loam, 160,000 cubic metres of bricks and 80,000 cubic metres of blasted rock had to be shifted.

For the surface of track 125,000 cubic metres of road metal were needed; it was obtained from the adjacent basalt quarries of the Eifel Mountains. The track is furnished with the most up-to-date installations.

It is obvious that such a gigantic project could not be carried out with private means or with the funds of local authorities; the sums requisite for this highly useful enterprise were provided by the treasuries of Prussia and of the German Reich.

With their help, a motoring road has been built whose ideal character offers automobile racing such possibilities of development that it will attract, not only Germans, but also vast crowds of foreign tourists.

MANY LOSE LICENSES.

New York State's motor vehicle commission has revoked more than 4,500 drivers' licenses up to August 1 this year, most of them because the owners were convicted of driving while intoxicated or for reckless driving.

MAINE IS FIRST.

Maine leads all New England states in road mileage. The state has 20,765 miles of surfaced roads.

EIGHT OVER-PASSES.

The city of Pittsburgh now has eight over-pass streets, as a partial solution to its traffic problem.

NEW MOTOR LEGISLATION.

Home A. A. Urges Drastic Changes.

In view of the possibility of new legislation governing the use of motor vehicles, the Automobile Association intends to impress upon the Government through every available channel the urgent need for certain drastic changes.

The recently published draft of the new Road Traffic Bill fore-shadowed certain alterations, but in the opinion of the Automobile Association, this Bill does not provide for several important legislative reforms which, with the rapid progress of motoring during the past twenty years, are of vital importance to all who own or use motor vehicles.

The main features of the A.A. campaign for up-to-date motor law are as follows:—

(1) The speed limit to be abolished.

(2) Penalties for dangerous driving to be increased, but Courts to be allowed complete discretion as to the suspension of the driving licence or the disqualification of drivers.

(3) In the case of serious offences—such as dangerous driving—the summons when served shall be accompanied by a statement showing the details of the charge which the defendant has to meet. (The motorist is often at a great disadvantage when his first notification of an alleged offence is the service of a summons some considerable time after the date of the alleged offence, and it is the view of the Association that there is a strong case for the removal of the un-

fair advantage so often enjoyed by the Prosecution).

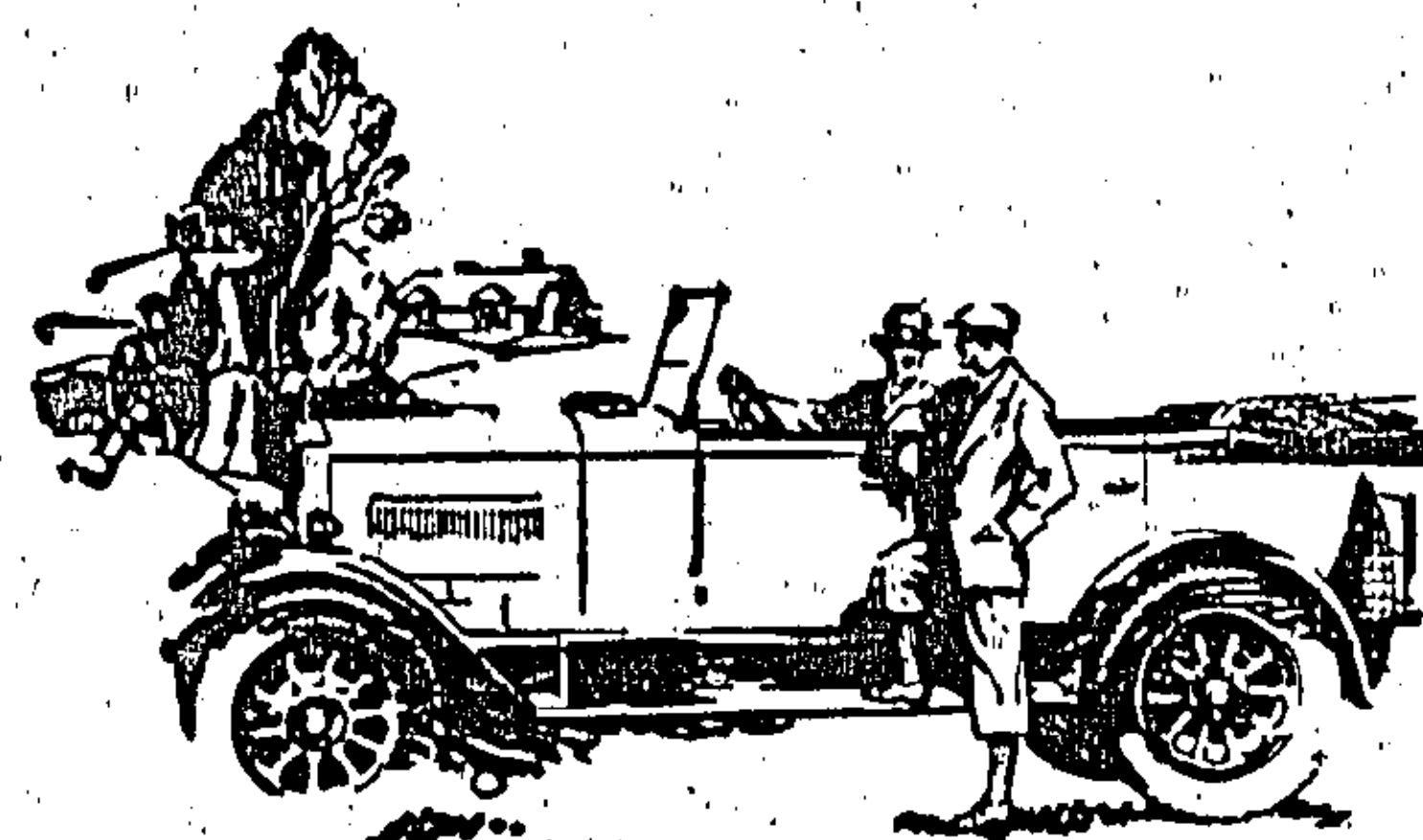
(4) The present period of seven days allowed for the lodgment of notices and other preliminaries to an appeal to be increased to fourteen days. (Serious difficulties are frequently experienced by persons wishing to appeal, owing to the shortness of time at their disposal).

(5) That it be a definite offence punishable by heavy penalties for any person to drive or tamper with a motor vehicle without the authority of the owner.

(6) All vehicles to be adequately lighted, front and rear, after dark.

(7) Failure immediately to produce the driving licence on demand shall no longer be an offence providing the licence is produced to the Police Authorities within three days.

Several other proposals are being made by the Association on the Road Traffic Bill, but apart from actual legislation, it is the intention of the Association to urge that the necessary pressure be brought to bear upon the Authorities to give effect to the view expressed by the Departmental Committee (Ministry of Transport) on the Taxation and Regulation of Motor Vehicles—that it is undesirable to increase the number of purely technical offences, and that when instituting proceedings, due regard should be paid to the object of the Regulation, and the fact that the mere breach of the Regulation should not necessarily be an offence in itself.



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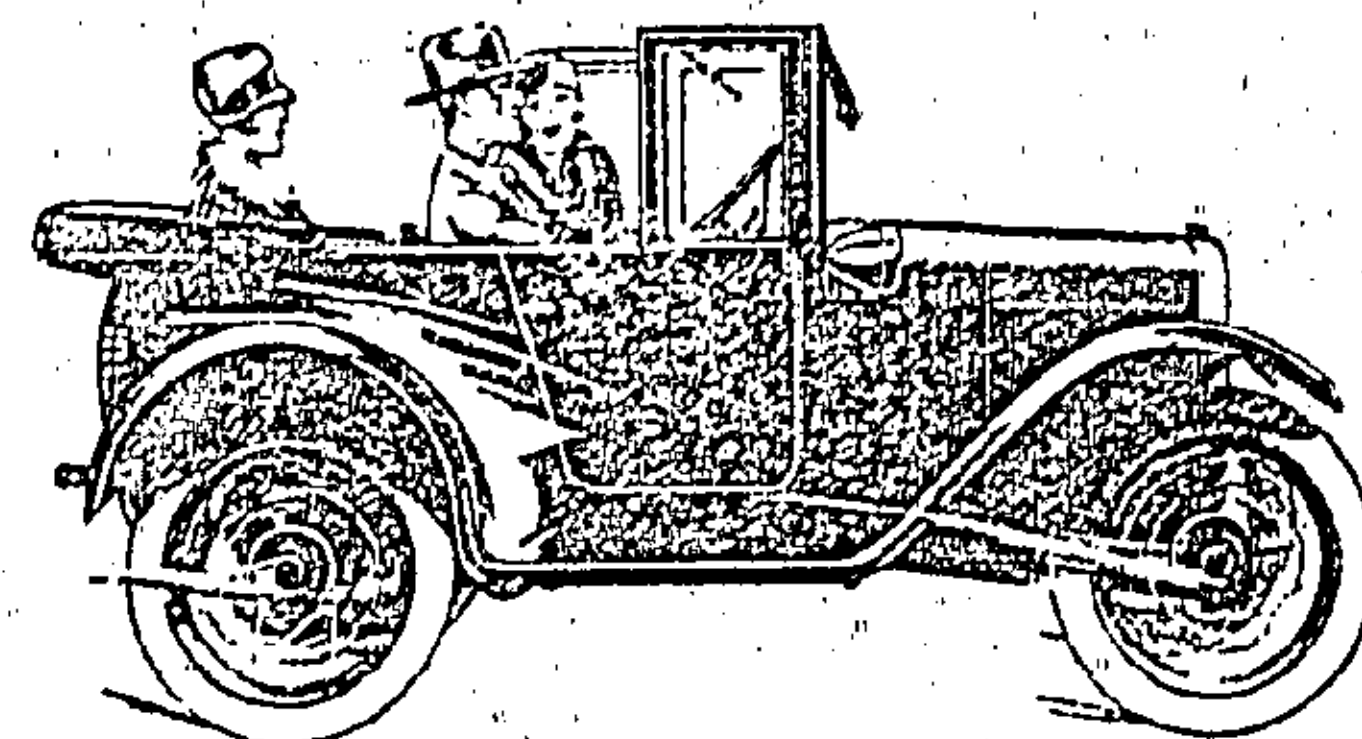
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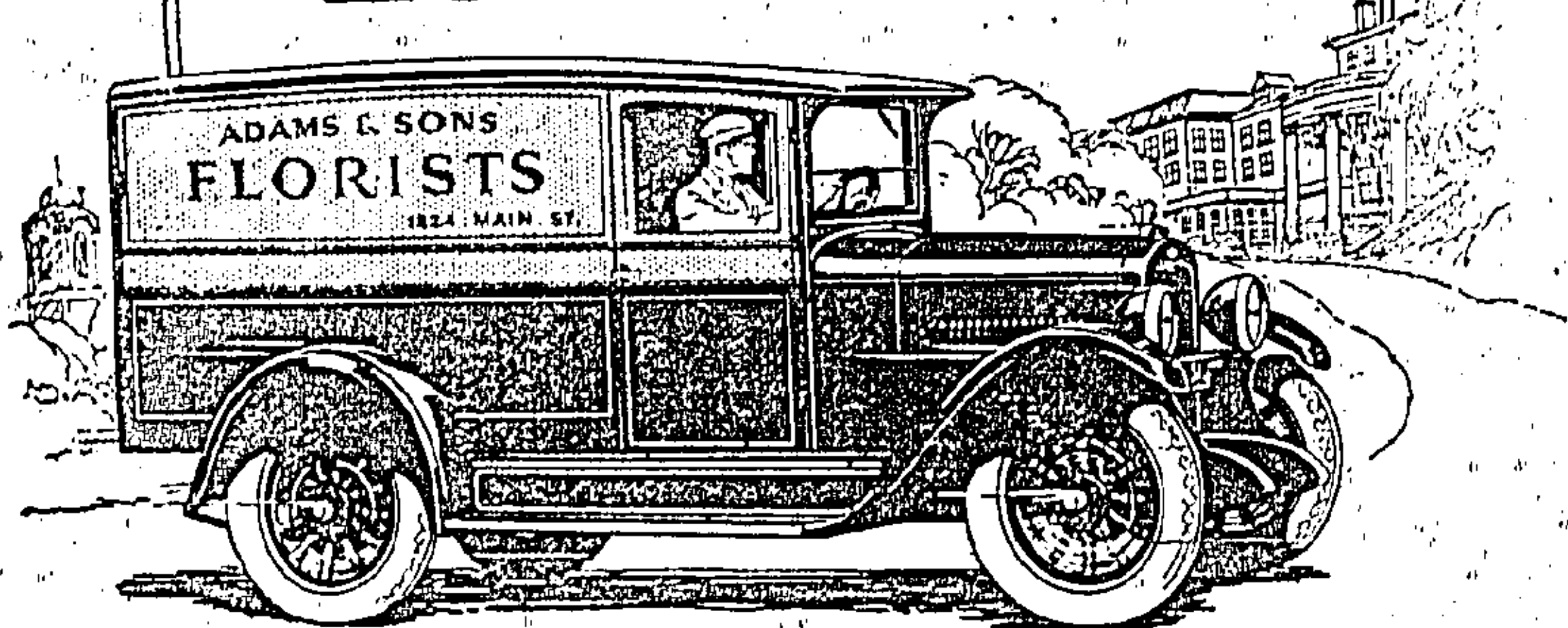
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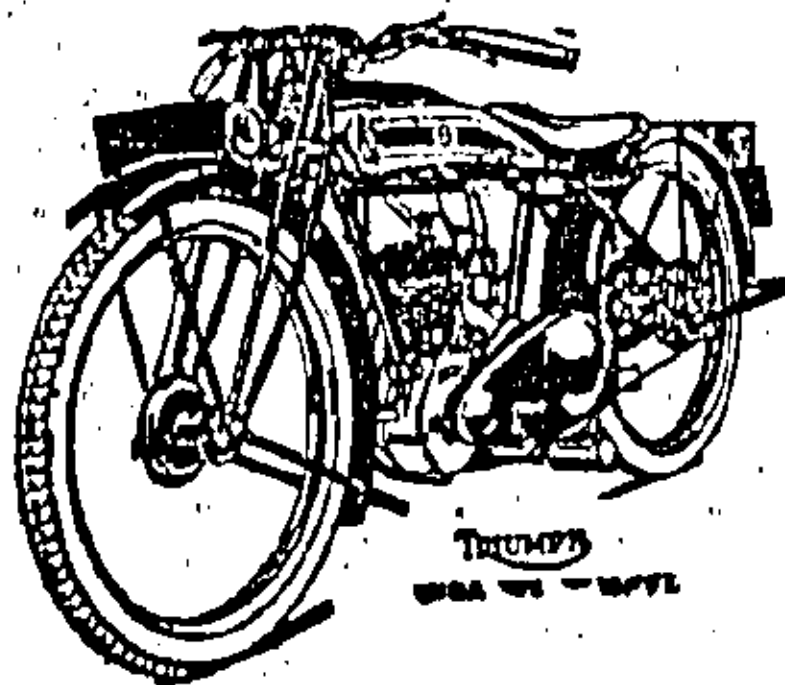
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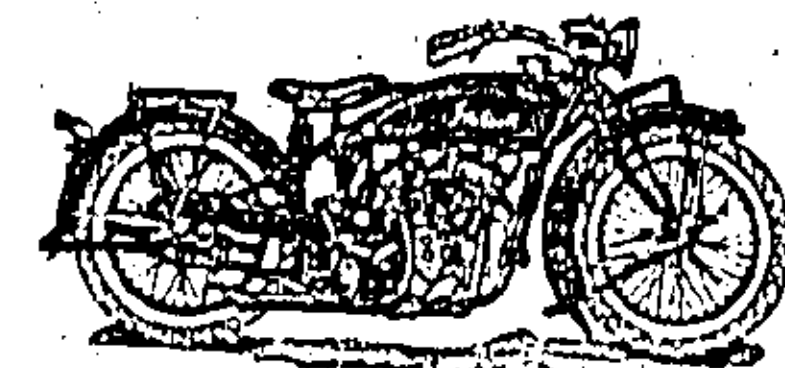
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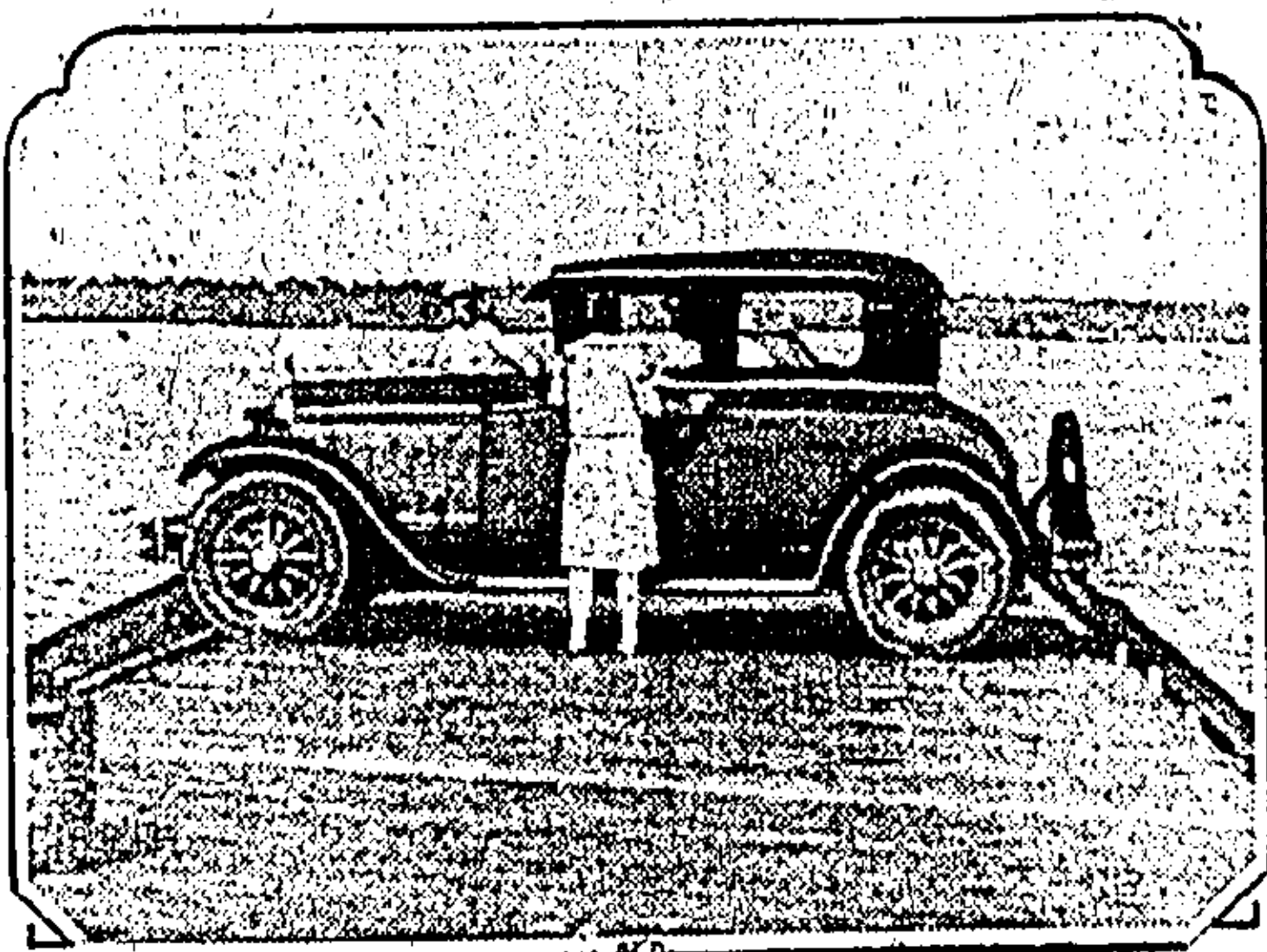
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Miami, Fla., Nov. 2nd. As far back as 1636 the first section of what is considered the most important highway in the United States was laid. Today, this route extends over a distance of almost 2,500 miles from Fort Kent, at the most northerly point of Maine to Key West, the most southerly point of Florida.

It is America's highway reaching from tip to tip and bordering the Atlantic coast line. As such it is said to be of great strategic value as a military route.

But of more immediate interest is the highway's history and its linkage of the original 13 colonies in a great chain of American lore. It passes through the great New England of earlier days, past battlefields of Revolutionary and Civil War days and down through the romantic lands of the south.

Old Stage Route.

In 1802 stage coaches took practically this route from Boston to Savannah at a speed of 5 miles a day. Today motorists by the thousand are driving down from various points along the route to the winter resorts of Florida, and are doing it five times as fast.

The route is given No. 1 on the official highway map of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Practically all of it is improved, with hardly a detour along the way. Coming down from Maine, it takes the famous Boston Post road through Calais, Bangor, Portland, Portsmouth, Boston, Providence, and Bridgeport to New York.

Leaving New York, the route follows the Lincoln highway to Philadelphia and turns on to Baltimore and Washington. Here the highway enters the picturesque south, through the mountains of Virginia and on down through the Carolinas Georgia into Florida.

Along Famous Beaches.

In Florida, the Dixie highway becomes part of the route, stretch-



Roads like this, through the romantic heart of Maine, may have the most beautiful of the main route.

ing for the most part close to the Atlantic shore, passing the fine beaches at Ormond and Daytona, and hurrying on along smooth, wide pavements to Palm Beach and Miami.

Thirty miles south of Miami is Florida City, the jumping off place for the adventurous drive over the numerous keys to Key West, 141 miles to the southwest. This road has been completed, but for a 40-miles gap, at a cost of \$8,000,000 and is now ready for travel.

Ferries will take motorists over the 40-miles gap to Key West, where other ferries will be ready to take the tourists on to Havana, Cuba, 90 miles away. There they may again take up driving over a good road of more than 700 miles around the island.

PACKARD IN GOOD POSITION.

Rumours of Merger Denied.

Frequent recurrence of rumours that the Packard Motor Car Co. is about to enter into some sort of a merger is eloquent testimony to the independent and prosperous status of that concern. Otherwise it may mean very little. The fact is that this Company is not only self-sufficient but that it gives good promise of continuing to grow more independent and even more prosperous as time runs on, as it is in a splendid tactical position.

"Packard prestige" has always been a phrase to conjure with and nothing has ever been permitted to dim the lustre of the name. Continued pioneer work in aero and marine engineering, and the undiminished vogue of the straight eight as a style leader have kept the concern in the forefront of the industry. In addition, the fact that the shorter wheelbase six has successfully entered the moderate price class has placed Packard products within the reach of a very much wider market.

The popularizing of the six earlier this year had the effect of increasing the 1927 sales very considerably, and because the Company is in a position to manufacture this model very economically, it brought in a handsome increase in revenue. Thus the earnings position is excellent and as Packard is financially independent, stockholders are counting on a good year.

Packard actually turned a pretty sharp corner back in 1920, when it went into production with its "single six," and prepared to side-track the twin six which had been its sole means of support for five years. The twelve-cylinder car was continued until 1922, but in the meantime the more moderate priced six was rapidly gaining ground and had put the Company back into its accustomed place in the ranks of the industry, a position which it has not yielded up in the last five years, despite the influence of strong competition. A year later the straight eight was brought out, so that six and eight-cylinder models are now in their fourth year of production.

A second corner was turned in 1925 when the annual new-model policy was definitely abandoned and the Company set out to establish and maintain a more even market. In the earlier days of the industry the Packard mid-Summer announcements were always expected to be of nation-wide interest and were seldom disappointing in that respect. The present policy is to introduce improvements from time to time without blare of trumpets and without any particular publicity until a considerable number of improved types have already shown their advantages in the hands of consumers. The plan has numerous merits, not the least of which is that it avoids the annual disruption of demand and abrupt depreciation in value of recent models.

The market position of the line is remarkable in that it has comparatively few direct competitors. The price range, \$2,250 to \$6,100, with a gap of \$865 between the two lines, involves a spread of \$2,850, which is represented by 16 different models. One other concern has a spread of \$4,105 with a list of 30 models and still another has a spread of \$4,745 with a list of 31 models. The comparison in a general way indicates the comparative simplicity of the Packard distributing problem.

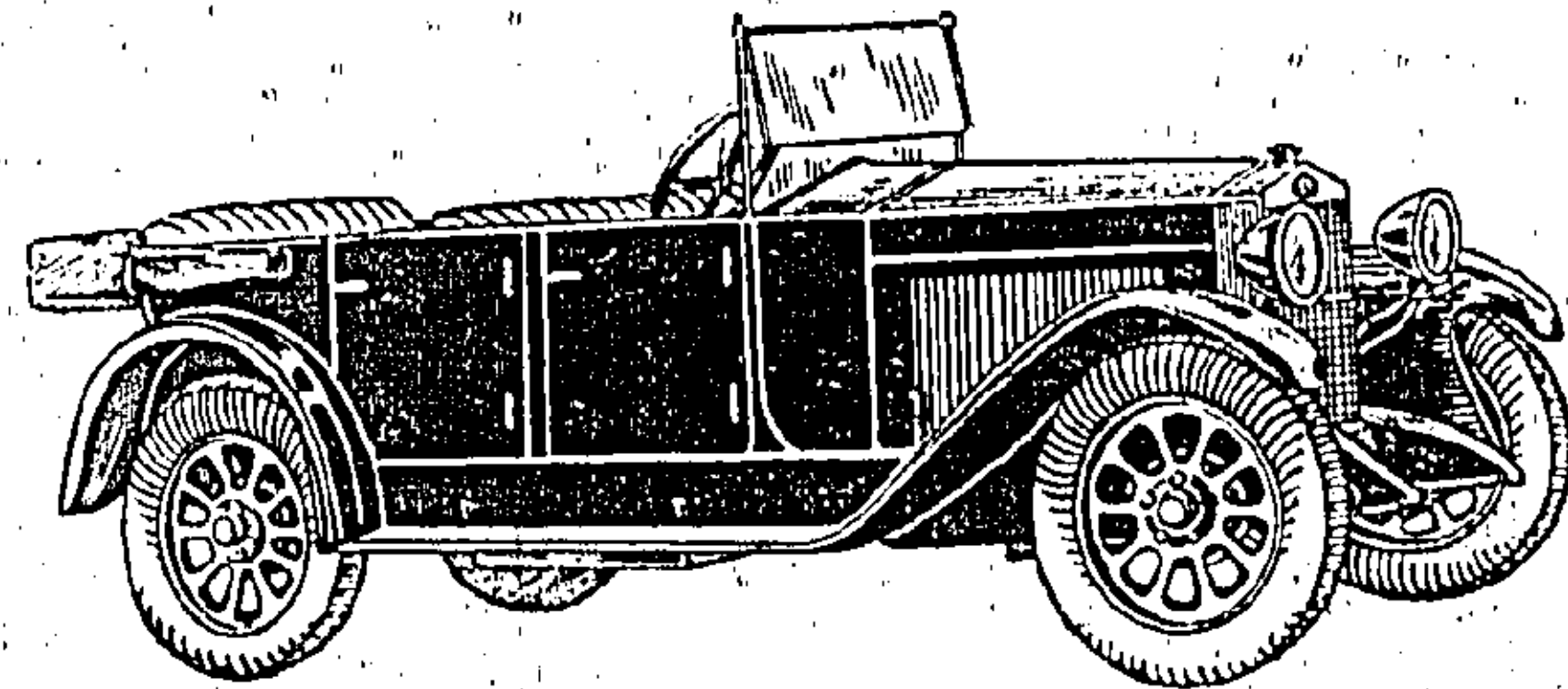
In direct competition with the eight are but three other manufacturers, while not more than three six-cylinder lines are directly competitive with the six. More expensive models of some eight or nine lower priced lines are comparable in price with the six, it is true, but the situation is not strictly competitive, all things considered.

Packard buyers are principally of two distinct classes, both of which are rapidly growing. One class is of former owners of one or two leading lines in the brackets immediately under the Packard price class, and as these lines are growing stronger all the time the list of "post-graduate" buyers in the Packard prospect class is definitely increasing.

The other class of prospects are repeat buyers, and as it is now the seventh year since the introduction of the single six line the number of such buyers to "mature" under the law of averages is just beginning to become a definite quantity. Depending somewhat on this year's experience an increasing number of repeat sales will be budgeted against each year's sales quota from now on. As Packard owners have always been pretty good repeaters it follows that the outlook for sales from this source in succeeding years is pretty well defined.

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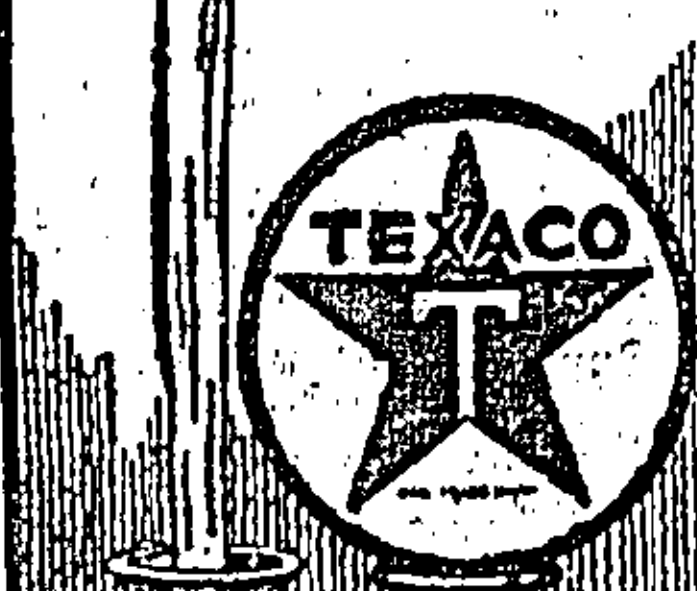
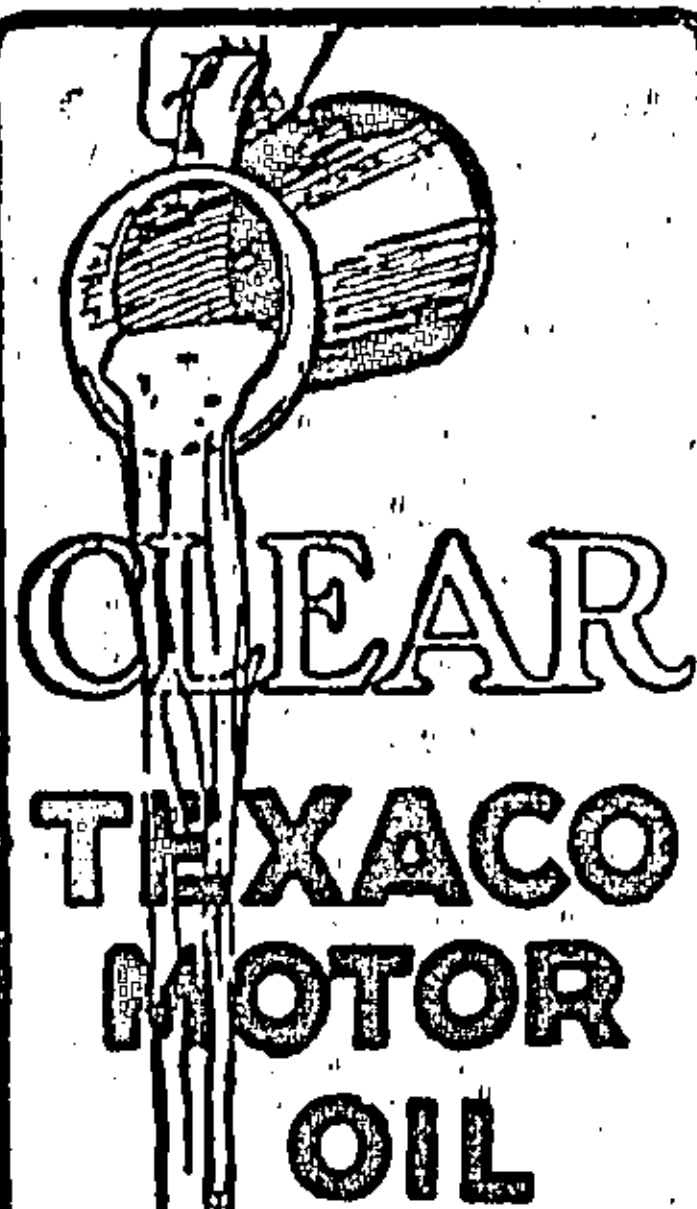
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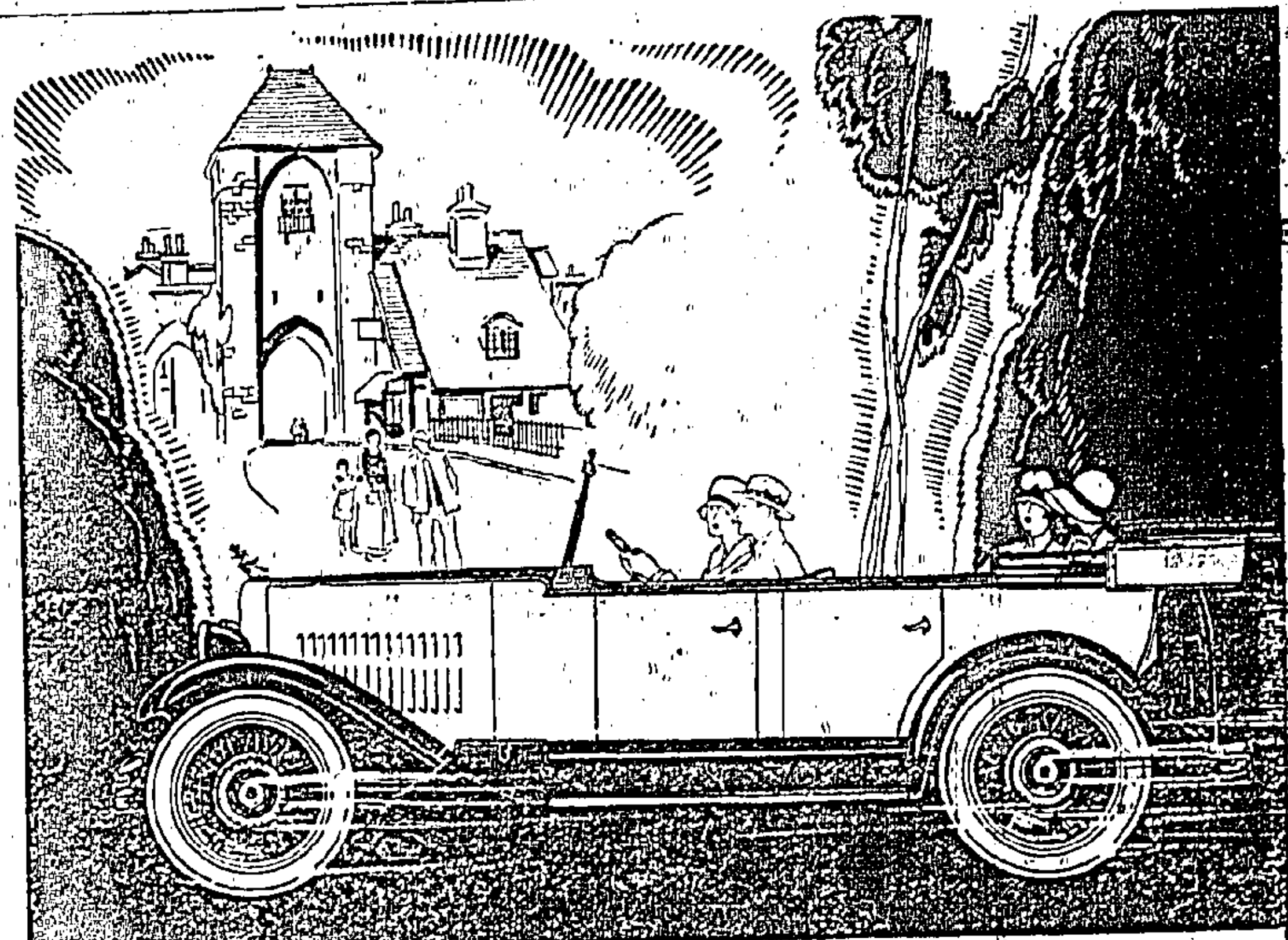
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For the 19,000 inspections made on Studebaker cars during their manufacture, more than 700 inspectors are required.

MANY MOTOR TRUCKS.

Present figures compiled by the U.S. National Automobile Chamber of Commerce give the total number of motor trucks in use in the United States as 2,764,000.

NEW GERMAN ROAD.

As part of the Ulm-Vienna highway, a new toll road is being constructed from Munich to Passau, in Germany.

PARADISE LOST.

Spoiling the Egyptians.

TAXES AT LAST.

Another motorists' paradise—probably the last—has been ruined.

Heretofore, motors ran freely and without any taxation in any part of Egypt except Alexandria, and it is to be supposed that they shunned that city.

Now, the Government has decided that motor traffic must contribute to the cost of road construction and maintenance, and is drafting a law to give this effect.

Thus opening the door to the endless corridor of arguments about road funds, and tax grabs, and politicians' promises, and eternal portholes.

CHANGE AT LINCOLN'S INN.

ADDITIONAL CHAMBERS AFTER 230 YEARS.

The building rapidly approaching completion behind the Law Stationer's office in New-square, Lincoln's Inn, will contain the first set of barristers' chambers to be added to the famous square since it was built in 1682-87. In the last 200 years, though a law stationer's office has been erected (and is now to be demolished), there has been no addition to the number of barristers' chambers, but in the New Year an extra set, consisting of four rooms, will be ready.

It is strange that during two centuries there has been no extension of the original accommodation provided by Henry Serle when he built the eleven imposing "houses" on what was Fickett's Fields, but as a representative of the Honourable Society explained to *The Observer*, there have been times, law business being bad, when some of the chambers have been empty. It is not a compelling demand that has led to building now, but as the law stationer's office, being modern and only temporary, had to be replaced, it was thought desirable to add a set of chambers.

Another interesting change which will come about in the New Year is the re-opening of the ancient kitchen garden, which dates from the old buildings. Whether the members of the Inn will again cultivate vegetables there remains to be determined, but is very unlikely, since the dimensions of the garden will be reduced.

THE MOTOR CYCLE SHOW AT OLYMPIA.

New Lightweight Models.

[Special Report to *The Hongkong Telegraph* by R.A.C.]

A Thriving British Industry.

It has long been recognised by motor cyclists the world over that in this branch of the motor industry Great Britain reigns supreme. Judging by the number of foreign visitors to the Olympia Motor Cycle Show, which was held during the first weeks of November, it is clear that there is no immediate danger of Britain losing her position in this industry.

As the *Motor Cycle* says:—If a dozen other nations would give their eyes to hold the position which we hold in the international motor cycle markets, and in the technique of designing and building machines.

The export manager of one well known firm stated that during the Show he had done business with every country in Europe, and that the volume of sales effected with European representatives pointed to a forthcoming boom in motor cycling on the continent. Other exporters agreed that sales to Germany and the Balkan States were unprecedented, while there is no doubt that the Overseas business which was done at the exhibition this year has created a record.

Meaning the home demand for motor cycles remains as steady as ever, and this, together with the increasing number of motor car owners, is reflected in the rapid growth of the Automobile Association. Founded in 1905, this is the largest motoring Association in the world, and to-day numbers more than 350,000 members.

There is little fundamental change in the design of the motor cycle. Progress during the past year has been mainly in the direction of increased efficiency coupled with greater convenience and comfort for the rider.

Riding Positions More Comfortable.

In many cases the riding position has been lowered and more attention has been given to the fitting and springing of the seat.

As regards saddles detail modifications are all that have been found necessary in the range of the Brook's saddles for 1928. Structural alterations in the mattress and the use of cold rolled tempered steel adapt this for the roughest of road travel and ensure a long and useful life for the saddle. Examples shown by this firm cover all the requirements of the motor cyclist. Tourist, sports and racing models were on view, as well as a new pillow seat, giving a very low and comfortable riding position. The Champette, a saddle specially produced for ladies' riding was also shown.

Transmission by Chain.

A feature of the Show which was foreshadowed last year, is the almost universal adoption of all chain drive. The choice of a power transmission medium is of vital importance, and the recent International races provide confirmation of the durability of the Renold Transmission and its ability to withstand the gruelling test of functioning on the fastest machines on the rack.

The Senior T.T. as well as every important continental race this year was won by machines fitted with Renold chains. Two records were achieved in the Ulster Grand Prix and eleven firsts were gained in the International races by machines so equipped. In consequence it is hardly surprising to find the all chain drive practically speaking standard.

Machines of Under 200 c.c.

In reviewing the individual stands of the Motor Cycles shown (and in these notes it is, of course, possible to mention only a few of the many interesting examples that were on view) we come first to the small powered machines.

Two new models of 172 c.c. capacity were to be seen on the stand of The James Cycle Co. These little two-stroke machines with 3-speed gear are remarkable for their efficiency and reliability and represent wonderful value for money. The sports model is capable of doing 100 miles to the gallon on a standard run, and the super sports, when run in, can attain a speed of 55 m.p.h. The latter is designed with an exceptionally low saddle position, while the handlebar and footrests are so arranged as to provide a comfortable position for riders of varying stature.

The James Cycle Co. is one of the oldest in the industry, and these two new models make a valued addition to the range of their products, which by the way is claimed to be the largest in the world.

The addition of a small two-stroke machine to the B.S.A. group aroused particular interest, and

was generally considered to be one of the outstanding features of the Show.

The new model has a unit construction engine and two speed gear box with clutch and kick starter. Owing to the ability of the two stroke engine to pull well at low speeds, the two gears provided are considered sufficient for all conditions and gradients.

This machine is fully capable of doing long distance journeys at a good average speed. It is economical to run and is light, comfortable and easy to handle.

The Pressed Steel Frame.

The new Coventry Eagle lightweight, possessing a pressed steel frame of unique construction, was undoubtedly one of the most interesting exhibits at the Show. The two sides of this frame, which is such as can be produced on a mass production basis, have a perfectly clean outline. This, apart from giving the machines a neat and imposing appearance, also gives immense strength to the structure.

At present the new frame is only being adapted to the two stroke models manufactured by this firm. Three models of this type of machine were on view. Two of 172 c.c. capacity and one of 137 c.c. The latter is essentially a utility machine and there is every reason to believe that it has a wonderful future before it.

The petrol consumption is 150/180 miles per gallon, while the tank capacity is approximately 2 1/2 gallons. Thus the wide touring range of this little machine will no doubt be of considerable interest to Overseas riders.

Lightweights—Some New Models.

The smallest of the Excelsior models displayed was their 2 1/2 h.p. two-stroke. This machine, which has a ground clearance of 5 ins. and is consequently particularly suitable for Overseas conditions, weighs less than 200 lbs. The petrol consumption is approximately 85 to 90 miles to the gallon and the maximum speed is 60 m.p.h. The makers state that this little two-stroke is the most popular machine of their present range of motor cycles, and that the sales of this model, both at home and abroad, are far in advance of any of the other types marketed by them. The frame is of the double loop type, with straight sloping top tube and saddle tank, while other features worthy of mention include a soft-top saddle, adjustable handlebars and quick adjustments to the brake-rods.

Several entirely new models have been added to the already extensive range of Royal Enfield productions. One of these is a sports O.H.V. in the 350 c.c. class; while two new two stroke models of 225 h.p. have been introduced. Perhaps the most interesting new comer to the Royal Enfield group is the 225 h.p. single cylinder four-stroke machine. This is fitted with the maker's three-speed gear, and gate change gear control.

The "250" model is an extremely good looking little machine. The saddle tank and the compact layout of the engine and gear units result in a very workmanlike appearance, while the low saddle position, and spring seat saddle provide additional comfort for the rider.

A new lightweight of the 2 1/2 h.p. class, was shown on the A.J.S. stand. This has a single cylinder four stroke engine of 248 c.c. and is a perfect miniature of the well known A.J.S. 348 c.c. side valve model. Supplied with the maker's three speed gear, this little machine incorporates all the latest modifications in the A.J.S. practice, such as the bolted on cylinder head and oiltight tappet guides.

The 277 h.p. Triumph which was introduced to the public for the first time last year, remains unchanged in design. Among the well tried features which are retained on this model may be mentioned the Triumph spring forks, mechanical oil pump and internal expanding brakes. This light machine has a single cylinder, 4 stroke S.V. engine, and a three speed gear. During its first year on the market it has earned a very fine reputation for roadworthiness, excellent performance and easiness of control.

The 350 c.c. Class.

Under this category three distinct models were shown on the Humber stand. This firm specialises solely in the 350 c.c. single cylinder four stroke class of motor cycle, but markets O.H.V. side valve, and O.H.V. camshaft twin port models, examples of all these being exhibited.

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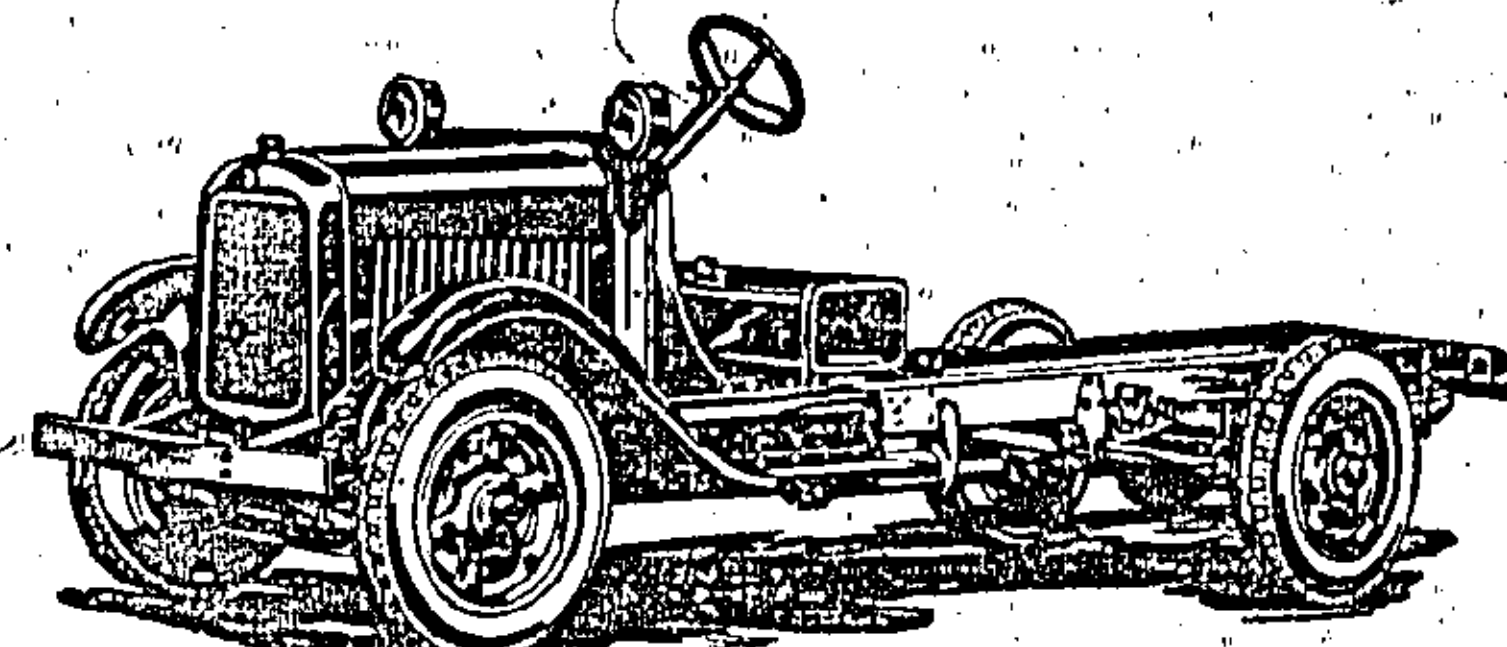
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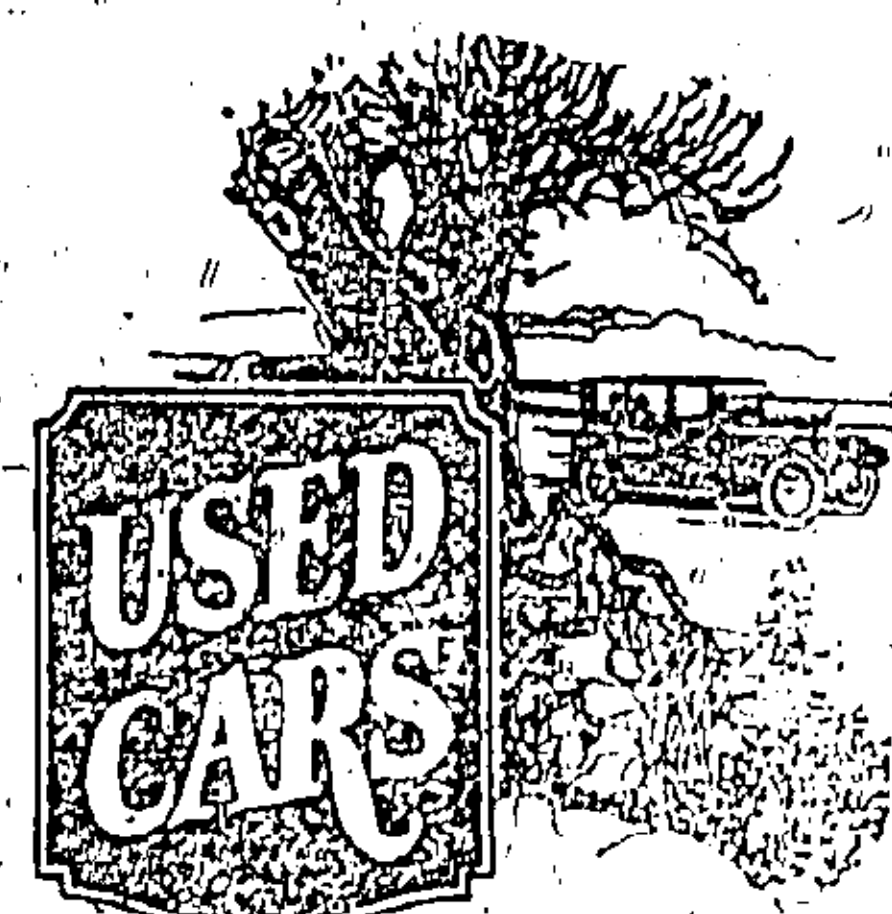
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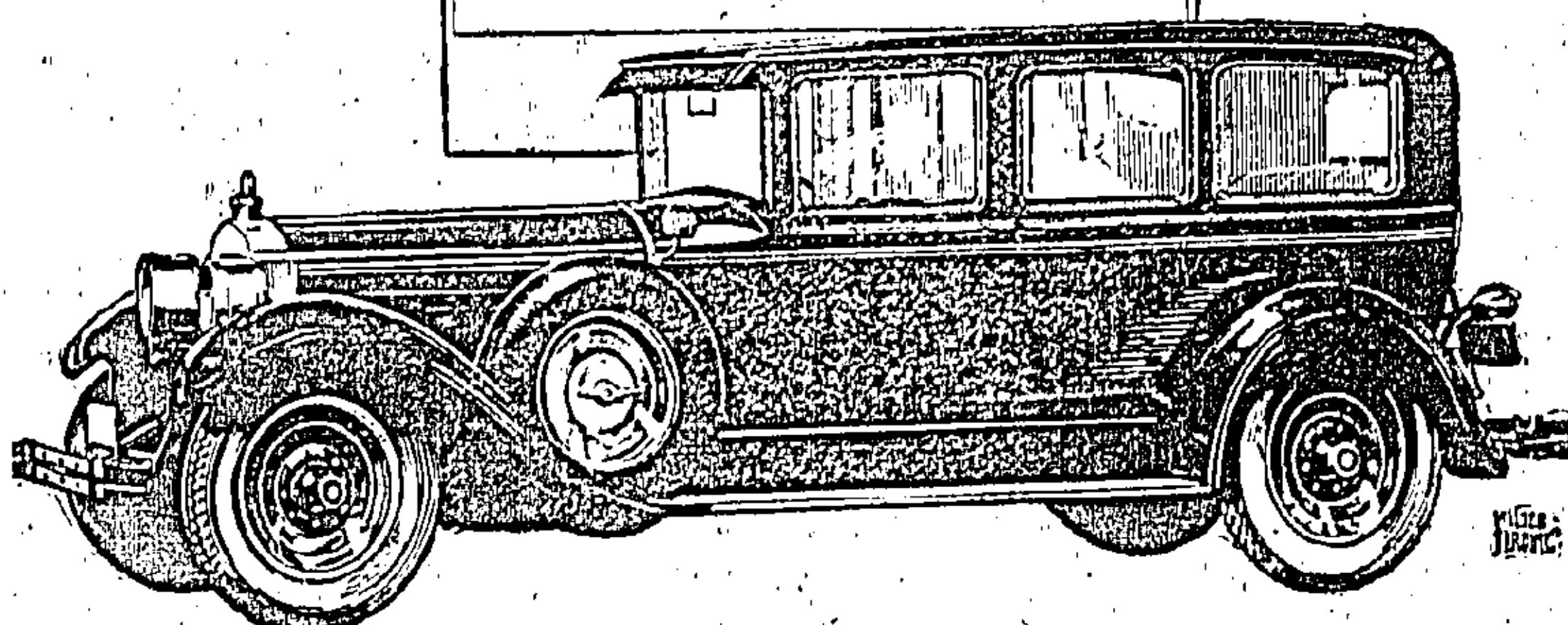
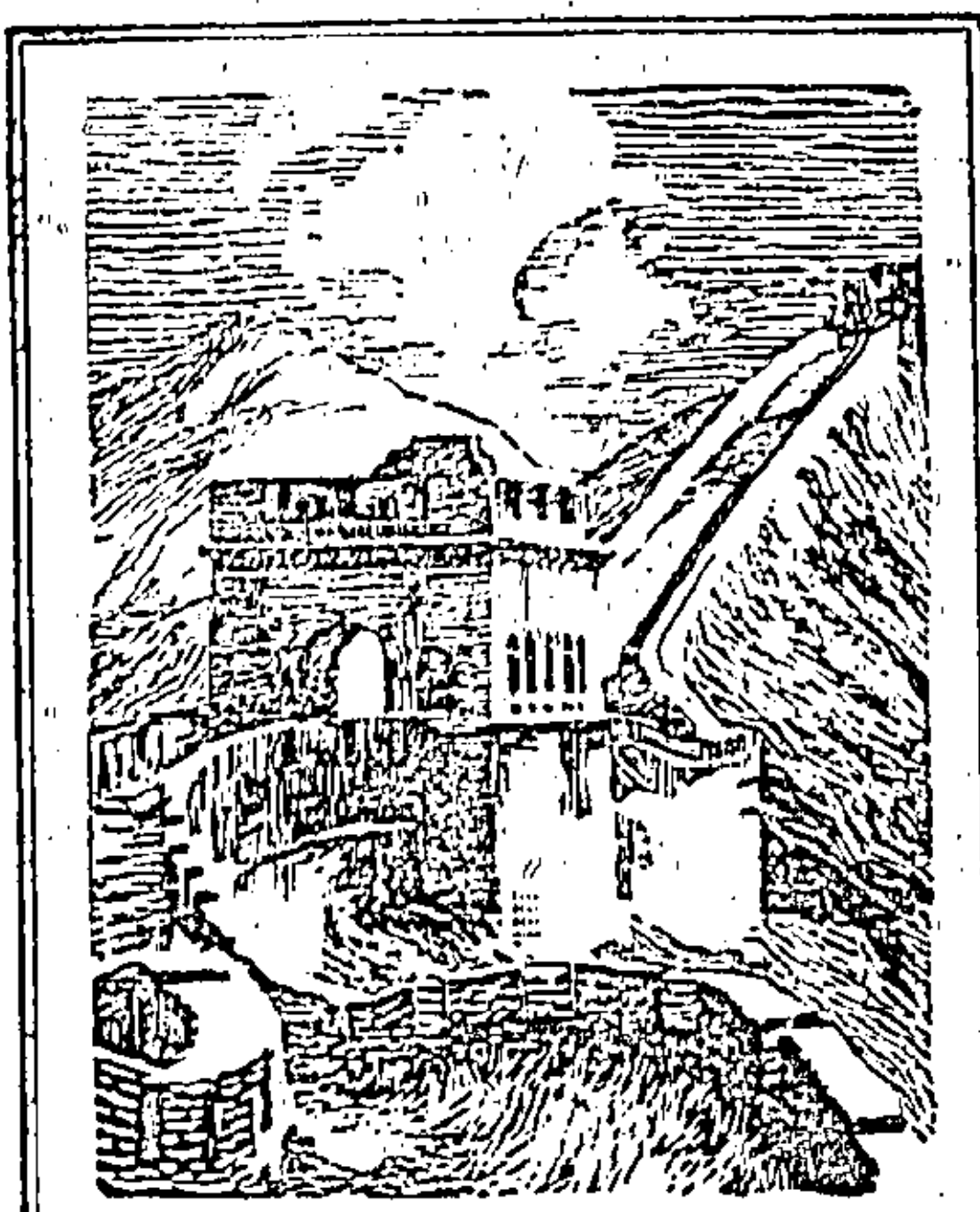
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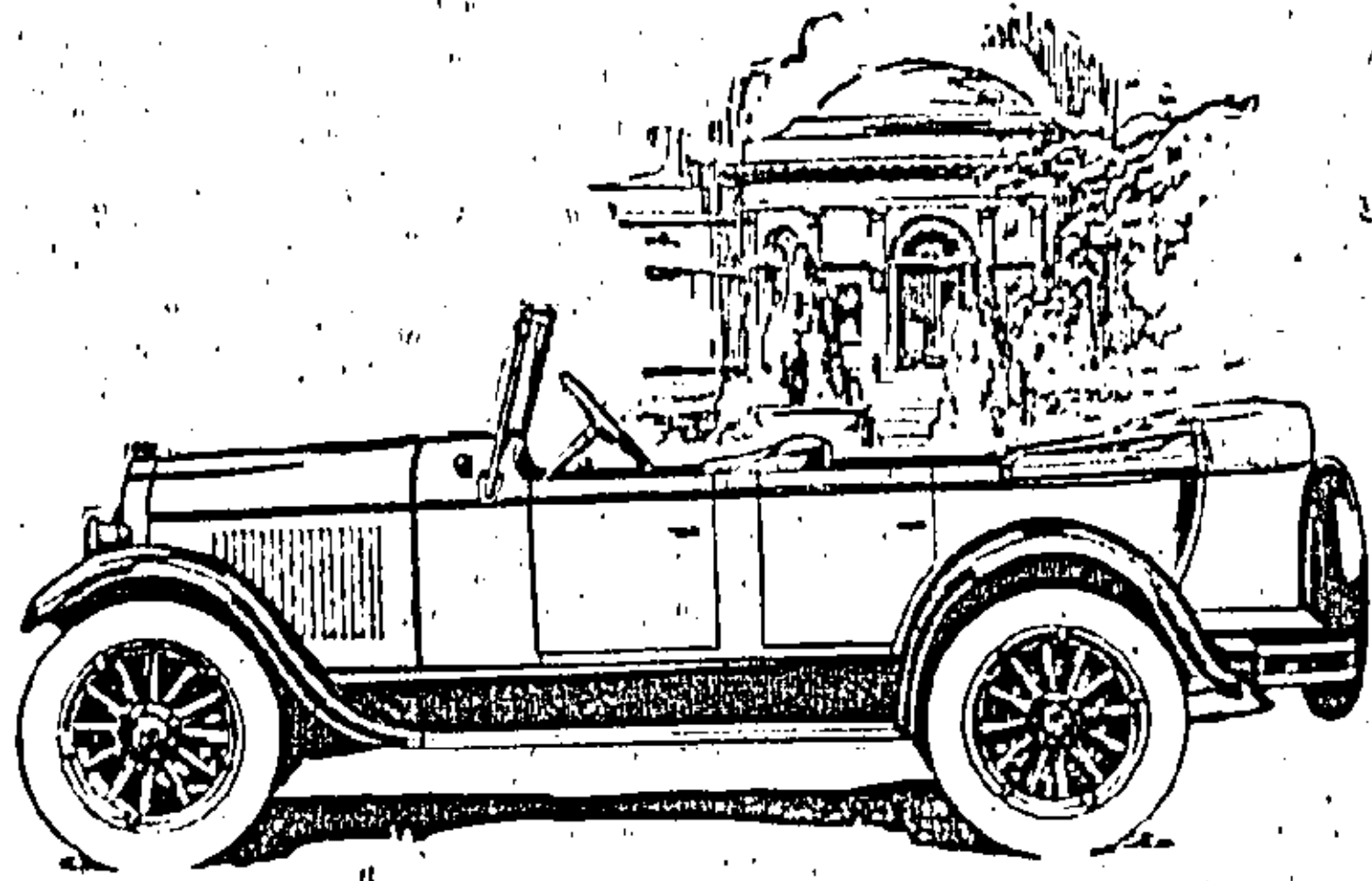
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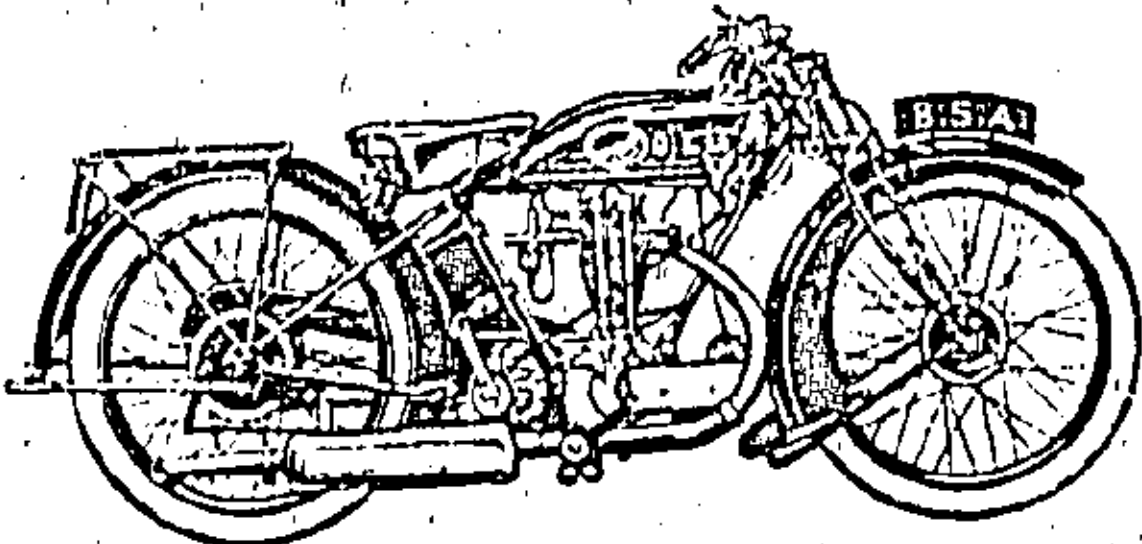
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Low Charging Current.

Question:—I have to run my car at nearly 45 m.p.h. to make the ammeter indicate nine amperes and at speeds much less than 30 m.p.h. there seems to be no charging current at all. The brushes are new and the wiring seems O.K. What is wrong?

Answer:—If your battery keeps charged enough for starting purposes (and you do not say that it does not), it seems likely that your ammeter does not indicate properly. You better have the charging current tested by another ammeter and settle this point first. If the ammeter proves to be all right, it is probable either that there is something wrong in the generator itself or that there are poor connections in the charging circuit. If the battery cable connections are loose or corroded or the water is low in the battery, the full charging current of 12-15 amperes will not flow, but when this latter difficulty exists, the lights will burn overbright when the engine is running. Failure of the generator cut-out to work might explain why no charging current passes except at high speeds, but it would not account for the charging current being so low, when once it was established. We are somewhat suspicious that your ammeter is out of order and is deceiving you.

Oil-Filter Installation.

Question:—I have had trouble with the — oil-filter, which I have bought for my — car. Although it is apparently connected up all right, the oil-gauge shows very little pressure compared with what it used to show without the filter and its pointer is not steady. What do you think is wrong?

Answer:—Are you sure that you have used the correct sizes of copper tubing for the pressure line

NO STREET PARKING.

According to R. B. Stoeckel, motor vehicle commissioner at Hartford, Conn., the time is coming when there will be no parking in streets. Merchants, Stoeckel says, would find it to their advantage if space in front of their stores would be free for prospective customers instead of being blocked by parked cars.

TOO MANY TYRE SIZES.

According to a recent bulletin, there are 71 tyre sizes now in use by automobiles, trucks and buses throughout the United States. Thirty-four of these sizes are in balloon tyres and the remaining 37 are high pressure tyres.

400-ACRE TEST FIELD.

A 400-acre proving ground, containing a two and one-half mile concrete speedway, has just been completed by the Packard Motor Car Company near Utica, Mich., at a cost of more than \$500,000.

TO EXPLOIT HIGHWAY.

The California State Automobile Association is launching a nation-wide campaign to acquaint motorists with the advantages and merits of the trans-continental Victory highway.

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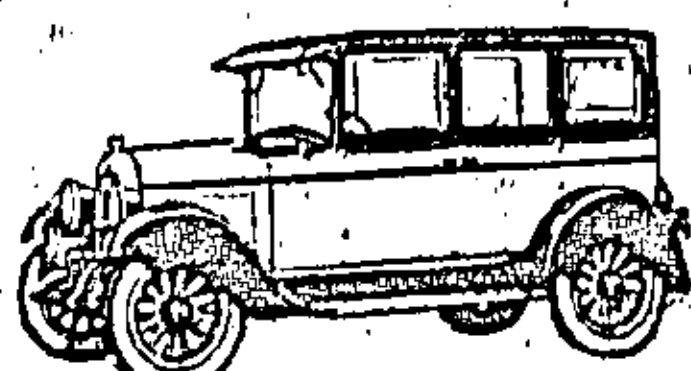
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Among the weeks which are celebrated at the same date each year are the following, listed chronologically:—

January—National Thrift Week.
February—Boy Scouts' Week;
National Drama Week; Truth Week.

March—None.

April—American Forest Week;
Be Kind to Animals Week; Better American Speech Week; Better Homes Week; National Boys' Week; Health Promotion Week; Reindeer Week; National Negro Health Week; National Garden Week.

May—Clean-up Week; Girl's Week; International Boys' Week; National Music Week.

June—Chamber of Commerce Week.

July—None.

August—None.

September—Constitution Week.
October—Girl Scout Week; Management Week; National Fire Prevention Week; National Apple Week; National Picture Week; Pharmacy Week.

November—Better Speech Week; Book Week; American Education Week; Canned Foods Week; Children's Book Week; Father and Son Week; War on T.B. at Christmas Time Week.

December—None.

The "Movable Feasts."

Those weeks which come under the heading of movable feasts include:—

Achievement Week; American Indian Week; American Legion Week; Art Week; Art-Poster Week; Apple Growers Have Another Week (New York State).

Baseball Week; Better Home Lighting Week; Better Mailing Week; Bundles for Near East Week; Better Farm Equipment Week; Bread and Milk Week.

Community Week; Cancer Week; Christmas Week; Coin Week; Community Chest Week; Conservation Week; Corn Week; Courtesy Week; Cranberry Week.

Dairy Week; Dental Hygiene Week; Disarmament Week; Efficiency Week.

Find Yourself Week; First-aid Week; Forest Protection Week; Forest Preservation Week; Furniture Week.

Grandma Week; Garage Week; Good English Week; Good Health Week; Good Roads Week; Go to High School Week; Go to School by Parents Week.

Home and Social Week; Honesty Week; Humane Week.

Ice Week (Ontario, Canada); International Peach Week.

Know Your City Week.

Law Enforcement Week; Library Week; Lighting Week; Local Hospital Week; Linoleum Week.

Milk Week; Mother and Daughter Week.

Pay Your Bills Week.

National Bicycle Week; National Highway Week; National Laundry Week; National Managers Trade Week; National Narcotic Education Week; National Song Week; Nature Study Week; Naturalisation Week; New England Cigar Week.

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Parents Week; Patriotic Week; Pay Your Bills Week; Pennsylvania Week; Physical Education Week; Poetry Week; Pride in Appearance Week; Prune Week.

Refrigerator Week; Red Cross Roll Call Week; Rotary Week.

Safety Week; Self-denial Week; School Exhibit Week; Safe Investments Week.

Talk Oakland Week (Oakland, Cal.); Temperance Week; Thanksgiving Week; Tree Planting Week.

Virginia Week; Visual Education Week.

Washington-Lincoln Week; Walk and Be Healthy Week; World Court Week.

Y.M.C.A. Week.

All this takes no account of eighty-one "days" celebrated each year. They include Groundhog Day, Race Relations Sunday, Father's Day, Mother's Day, Peach Day, World Goodwill Day, Flag Day, Americanisation Day, Red Cross Sunday, Tuberculosis Sunday (not to encourage tuberculosis, but to aid in its elimination), and Golden Rule Sunday.



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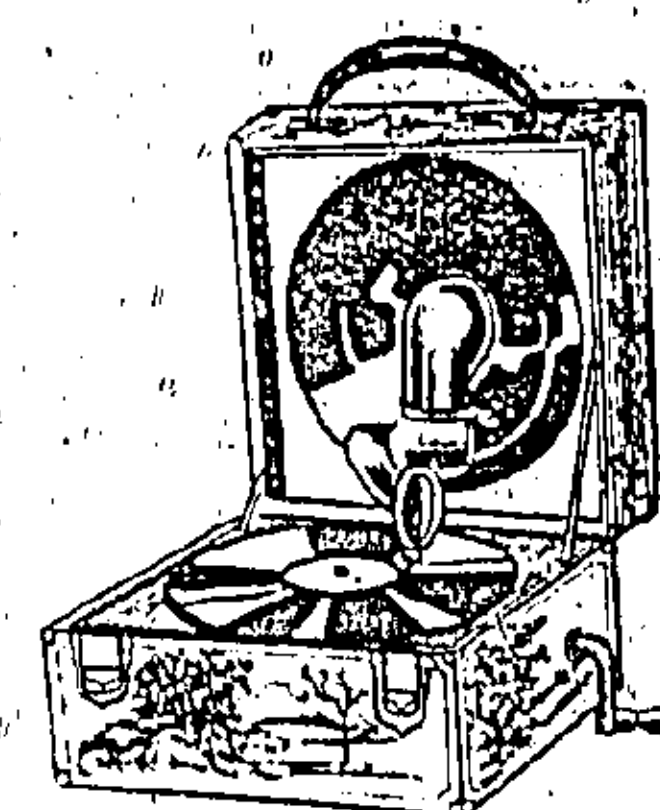
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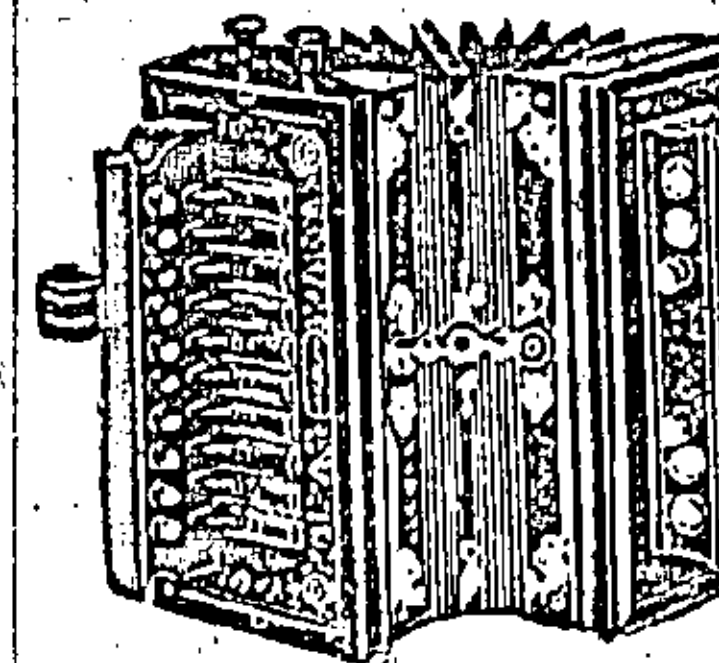
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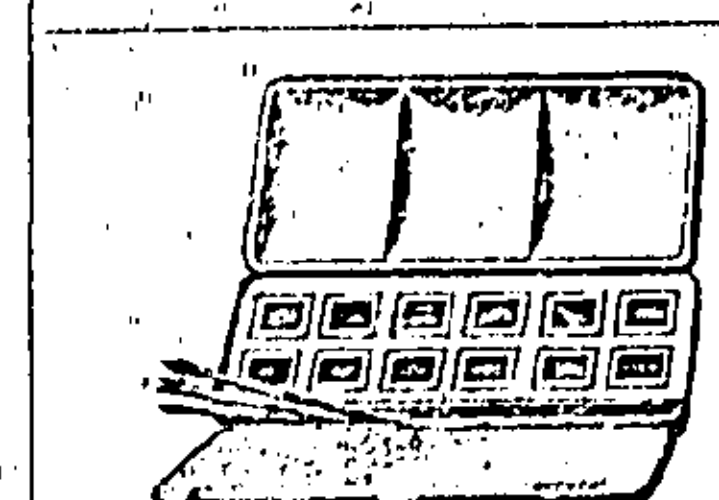
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A message from New York to the Berengaria's gymnasium, the Paris edition of the *New York Herald* states that George Mason, the well-known director of the Prince of Wales, is a better boxer than Mayor Walker, and could "put it over" on the latter in a contest. "When the Prince crossed with us," he said, "he took his daily 'work-out,' and boxed with me frequently. Once he cut my lip. That shows he knows a great many more tricks than Mayor Walker, although the latter is no 'slouch.'"

The Very Idea!

Tourist: "Hae ye the change of a pound, mon?"
Porter: "Yes, sir."
"Ah, weel then ye'll no miss the little I was goin' to gie ye."

The stern parent was interviewing the family lawyer. "William, my eldest son, is determined to marry that actress with whom his name has been connected. I shall cut him off absolutely, and I want you to tell him so."
"Well," said the lawyer, after a moment's hesitation, "I have a better plan than that. I'll tell the girl."

The Toronto civic department of health was faced with a new problem recently when a woman asked what action she could take with her son, who has a habit of biting people.

The boy is four years old, and whenever he gets angry he bites the nearest person he can see.

The woman, who explained tearfully that she was unable to control her son, and that she was continually having complaints from people he had bitten, was advised to lead him to a policeman who possessed a large and heavy hand.

Young woman, at Willesden: She said she knew something about me. The magistrate: We all know something about one another, but it is seldom diplomatic to say much.

Wilkesden applicant: Am I compelled to put up with insults? Magistrate: In a general way we all have to, except that some of us sue in the High Court.

Defendant at Feltham: My wife is a Celt. She's not an Englishman.

Witness at Clerkenwell County Court yesterday: The doctor told me so. Judge Bristow: What the doctor said is not evidence, any more than what the soldier said.

A mouse disturbed the proceedings at the Carmock Petty Sessions, scampering among the police, witnesses and pressmen for over an hour, till it was eventually killed by the Magistrate's clerk who struck it with a copy of "Stone's Justices' Manual."

Home life is being killed by the motor car.—Mr. C. E. Amesley Voysey.

It is quite usual for women to show their knees nowadays.—Lord Hewart.

Everybody appears to be trying to get something for nothing.—Sir Leonard B. Rowland.

That "Monday morning" feeling is a definite scientific fact.—Professor Winifred Cullis.

There is no country like England to assist people who are down and out.—Mr. H. C. A. Bingley.

The Liberal Horse does not deserve to receive any backing in the next General Election race on form.—Mr. J. C. C. Davidson, M.P.

The following story is told by Major Warren Elliott, Under Secretary for Scotland.

"What is that brown thing over there?" said an English sportsman to his ghillie on a Highland moor.

"If you look through your spy-glass and find that it is moving," replied the ghillie, "you can be sure it is not the Board of Agriculture."

A young man, idly watching the waters of a swollen stream near Volterra saw some scraps of paper that looked like Italian banknotes floating on an eddy. He stood on the bank and fished out the paper with a stick.

He found the scraps were indeed torn money, and he succeeded in saving some thousand lire, but all were torn. At the police station he was told that the banknotes were genuine, and it was subsequently discovered that they constituted the fortune of a peasant who committed suicide recently.

Before he killed himself he drew his savings, £40, from the local bank and tore the money into pieces and threw it into the water because he did not wish his relations, with whom he was on bad terms, to inherit the savings after his death.

Voice (on 'phone): Is the doctor in?

Maid: No, sir, and I don't know how long he'll be. He's been called out on an eternity case.

A new kind of Aberdonian joke. Speaking with regard to the collection of refuse, an elector, who confessed to having lived in Aberdeen, said that in the Granite City "if a person did not have his bucket at the foot of the stair by eight o'clock, he could take it back again."

Someone promptly pointed out that even an Aberdonian could not take back that which was not there.

PRAYER BOOK REVISION.

REJECTION MEANS CHAOS AND DISASTER.

A COMMONS BLUNDER.

London, Dec. 16. The unexpected rejection of the Prayer Book in the House of Commons in adversity commented on in the Press. For example the *Times* declares that the rejection must mean chaos and disaster. "The best that can happen is that in the future the House of Commons will realise that it has blundered with haste and will reverse at leisure a decision which 'can help forward neither Protestantism nor peace.'"

A possible way out of the difficulty is indicated by Sir Thomas Inskip who suggested that the Church Assembly should pass the whole Prayer Book except the communion service. As far as he was concerned although there was a good deal in the other part that he did not like, he would do all he could to put it through. The supporters of the measure, however, are very pessimistic. It is believed unlikely that another effort to produce a revised Prayer Book will be made for a long time.

There is a predominant feeling of sympathy for the octogenarian Archbishop of Canterbury. It is understood that he intended to retire when the Prayer Book was finally approved but with the failure of the measure he may now consider it his duty to remain at work.

Division List.

The official division list of the House of Commons shows that 228 members voted against the Prayer Book instead of 247, thus the majority for rejection was 33 and not 42.

The division list of the House of Commons on the Prayer Book is interesting as showing how party lines were obliterated. The supporters of the measure included Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Bridgeman, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Hugh Cecil, Sir Samuel Hoare, Mr. Osmund Greville, Col. John Bigham, the Labourites, Mr. Sidney Webb, Mr. George Lansbury, Mr. Patrick Lawrence, Commander Kenworthy, the Liberals, Sir William Edge and the Independent, Mr. Austin Hopkinson.

The opponents included Sir Thomas Inskip, Sir Jocelyn Hicks, Sir Reginald Hall, Lady Astor, Mrs. Hilton Phillips, the Labourites, Mr. J. H. Thomas, Mr. Wedgwood, Mr. Thurtle, Miss Lawrence and the Liberals, Mr. Lloyd George and Sir John Simon.—*Reuter*.

The Voting Described.

London, Dec. 16. There was an unexpected termination to the House of Commons debate last night when the motion for the approval of the new Prayer Book was defeated by 247 votes to 228. As a result the King for Royal assent, as it can only be legalised if both Houses of Parliament pass it.

The House of Lords approved the measure on Wednesday by 241 votes to 88.

It is 265 years since a Prayer Book measure was last before Parliament. The book as now in use was authorised in 1662. The Revised Book, rejected yesterday, has been approved by large majorities of both Houses and by the Church Assembly.

In last night's debate the speeches and voting were entirely irrespective of Party, and colleagues, who on all political issues are united, went into opposite lobbies to vote. As an instance Sir William Jayson Hicks, Home Secretary, Sir Thomas Inskip, Solicitor General, Sir John Gilmour, Secretary for Scotland, were against the measure and the Prime Minister, Sir Austen Chamberlain, and Mr. W. C. Bridgeman were for it, and a similar division of opinion was manifested among Labour and Liberal members.

The Aged Archbishop of Canterbury, who was present in the Peer's gallery for the work of revising the Prayer Book has occupied the Church of England bodies for a quarter of a century.

The future course of action remains to be decided on but it is anticipated that the Church Assembly will take back the Book for reconsideration. Opposition to the measure was mainly concentrated on the alterations in the Communion Service, and many members who voted against the motion declared that except for these they would have voted for the Book.—*British Wireless*.

Archbishop Pleads for Patience.

Later. The Archbishop of Canterbury has issued a statement pleading for the exercise of patience and charity pending the issue of a statement by himself and the Archbishop of York, after consultation with the bishops, for the guidance of the clergy. In this time of confusion and anxiety he says, the Arch-

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TRADE SCHOOL.

SINGAPORE SCHEME DETAILS.

SCOPE FOR WORKERS.

The partial provision made in this year's Budget for a trade school at Singapore indicates that the Government have now decided upon a new and extremely interesting education experiment in the Colony, says the *Strait Times*.

The school will probably not come into being until 1929, but in view of the great public interest in technical, as opposed to purely literary, education, it may be of interest to indicate the lines on which the Singapore institution will be organised.

The Committee that sat in 1925 on technical education for Singapore found the most debatable matter it had to consider. Most of the witnesses who gave evidence before that Committee viewed the establishment of trade schools as premature. However, the Committee took note that the Government of the Federated Malay States was opening at Kuala Lumpur a trade school whose staff might eventually include a motor mechanic, pattern maker and joiner, a fitter, an electrical mechanic and a turner. It concluded that it would be an unduly justifiable use of public money to start trade schools in the Colony without awaiting the result of the Kuala Lumpur experiment.

The Kuala Lumpur School.

If and when the Kuala Lumpur Trade School proves that there is any sort of genuine demand for this type of education, it was recommended, "the Colonial Government should open a Trade School in Singapore immediately. For beyond dispute Singapore offers the largest scope for mechanical trades of any place in the Peninsula."

At the recent Budget meeting of the Legislative Council it was announced that a trade school was appearing in the Singapore Estimates for 1928. It may be concluded, therefore, that the Kuala Lumpur school has proved a success. We have been at some pains to collect particulars about that school. The instructor at Kuala Lumpur is a motor mechanic from England. The course of three years is intended to produce skilled motor mechanics, but provides a full engineering mechanic's training in fitting, bench-work, turning, blacksmithing, etc. Pupils take turn in acting as storekeeper, timekeeper, running engineer and so on. Subjects like arithmetic, drawing and mechanics, which have a practical application to the bench-work are taught.

Malays the Best Pupils.

No English is taught, but arrangements have been made for pupils who want to study that language to do so at evening classes. It is considered that the training provided is as good as, if not better than, that provided for apprentices in England. Boys are admitted between the ages of 14 and 17. Knowledge of English is not compulsory, though many of the pupils have passed through an elementary English school. One of the most remarkable features about the school is that the Malays are probably the best pupils. They evince pleasure over their work and are prepared to spend any length of time to obtain accuracy.

The school is a simple building equipped with a kerosene oil engine, lathes, a shaping machine, a drill, a grinder and a hack-saw. All of the machinery has been installed by the boys themselves without outside aid.

A Disquieting Feature.

The school which has now been in existence for 18 months is an assured success, with only one disquieting feature. Pupils, who are mostly, of course, sons of parents in poor circumstances, receive a monthly maintenance allowance. So far as Government is concerned, it is expected to get a return on this outlay by securing a supply of highly skilled fitters for the big technical departments. But it is impossible to contend that technical education has secured the appreciation that it ought to secure in this country until pupils are ready to enter such schools without monetary inducement. It is to be presumed that the naval base at Singapore will afford a large number of openings for skilled mechanics.

The Health Bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ending Saturday last, issued by the Principal Civil Medical Officer of Health, contains the following cases, the figures in parenthesis indicating deaths: Plague, Rangoon 5, Madras 1 (1); Cholera, Calcutta 65, Madras 1, Bangkok 1, Rangoon 2, Tuticorin 6; Small-pox, Aden 1, Basrah 2 (1), Calcutta 11 (6), Madras 15 (1), Rangoon 1, Surabaya 1, Bandjermasin 3.

HONGKONG A. A. DINNER DANCE.

AN ENJOYABLE FUNCTION.

A very cheery atmosphere characterised the second annual dinner dance of the Hongkong Automobile Association, which was held at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden last night. There was a large attendance of members and their friends, all of whom spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening, thanks to the excellence of the menu and the "peppy" music provided by the Hotel orchestra.

During an interval in the proceedings, Commander Hartford, R. N. (Retired), the President of the Association, referred to the many advantages attaching to membership of the Association in the matter of reduced insurance fees, the provision of free legal aid and the good work done by the patrols. He said the Association was one of self protectionists. There were 600 members but there was room for many more. The Association was in close co-operation with both the P.W.D. and the Police to the mutual advantage of both.

With the reduced prices of cars, there should be more members joining. The speaker concluded with a warm tribute to the Revd. Updell, the indefatigable Secretary of the Association whose efforts had contributed in no small degree to the success and financial stability of the organization.

Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe replied for the guests. Referring to the work of the A. A. patrols, he suggested that one might be posted at the Kowloon Ferry wharf, as it did not seem quite right that the "Senior Magistrate should have had his dress clothes stolen from his car." (Laughter.) In so far as the Police and Traffic Department were concerned, they had much to thank the Association for. The Association helped both the public and police and all those interested in motoring should in his opinion be members of the Association.

READY FOR REVOLT?

PHILIPPINE DELEGATE'S STATEMENT.

Brussels, Dec. 11. The Philippines are ready for revolution but lack leadership, said a resolution introduced by the Philippine delegate to the League Against Imperialism, which is in session here.

The resolution has the support of the executive committee. Philippine independence is impossible, the resolution said, without a complete understanding with American labour. It recommends nationalization of the railroads, mines, sugar refineries and other chief industries of the islands. The resolution was offered by Delegate Almaraz.

UNLAWFUL SOCIETY.

HONGKONG KNITTERS' SOCIETY PROSCRIBED.

It is notified in the current issue of the *Hongkong Government Gazette* that an order has been made by the Governor-in-Council, under the Societies Ordinance, to the effect that the Chik Tse Kung Wui, otherwise known as the Knitters' Union, is declared to be an unlawful Society.

KOWLOON MOTOR GARAGES.

NOW READY FOR OCCUPATION.

Motorists will learn with satisfaction that the new garages recently constructed in Chatham Road, Kowloon, are now ready for occupation.

The accommodation comprises one main garage 50 feet by 25 feet and ten private lock-up garages each 10 feet by 18 feet. Space is available for the erection of a further block of ten lock-up garages, if required.

The whole area, including a spacious yard for washing and cleaning of cars, is paved with cement concrete, and there is easy access from Chatham Road.

Although the buildings are only of a semi-permanent character, with timber framework and galvanized corrugated iron roofing and walls, they have been specially designed to withstand typhoons, all the uprights being firmly embedded in concrete bases, and the framework strongly bolted together.

Electric lighting, water for washing cars, etc., is provided and an application is now under consideration for the installation of a petrol pump.

The Company will provide day and night attendants, and take all reasonable precautions against loss or damage to vehicles by theft, fire, typhoon and outside interference, but all cars will be garaged, as is customary, at owner's risk.

We understand that the rent of a private lock-up garage will be \$22 per month, whilst in the main garage, the monthly rates will be from \$15 to \$20, according to size of vehicle.

All charges are inclusive of electric light, and water for washing. Regular cleaning of cars can be arranged for at a small extra charge.

Three or four of the "lock-ups" have already been booked, so that owners who wish to take advantage of the facilities offered should communicate without delay with The Secretary, Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co. Ltd., St. George's Building, (Telephone C-1581.)

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*. Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 20 of this issue.

- 1 How old is the Duke of York?
- 2 What is an aniline dye?
- 3 Who are the authors of these plays now running in London: "The Terror," "The Fanatics," "The Kingdom of God"?
- 4 Where is Latvia, and what form of government has it?
- 5 Which is the most durable of all furs?
- 6 How do you say "Thank you" in German, French, Italian?
- 7 What is an affidavit?
- 8 Who was the famous emperor who used an emerald to correct his short sight?
- 9 What are the Christian names of Chaptain, Pavlova, Marconi, Poincaré, Edison?
- 10 What are the capitals of Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia?
- 11 How much is a kilogramme?
- 12 Whose handwriting became the standard for printing in books (now italics) during his lifetime?

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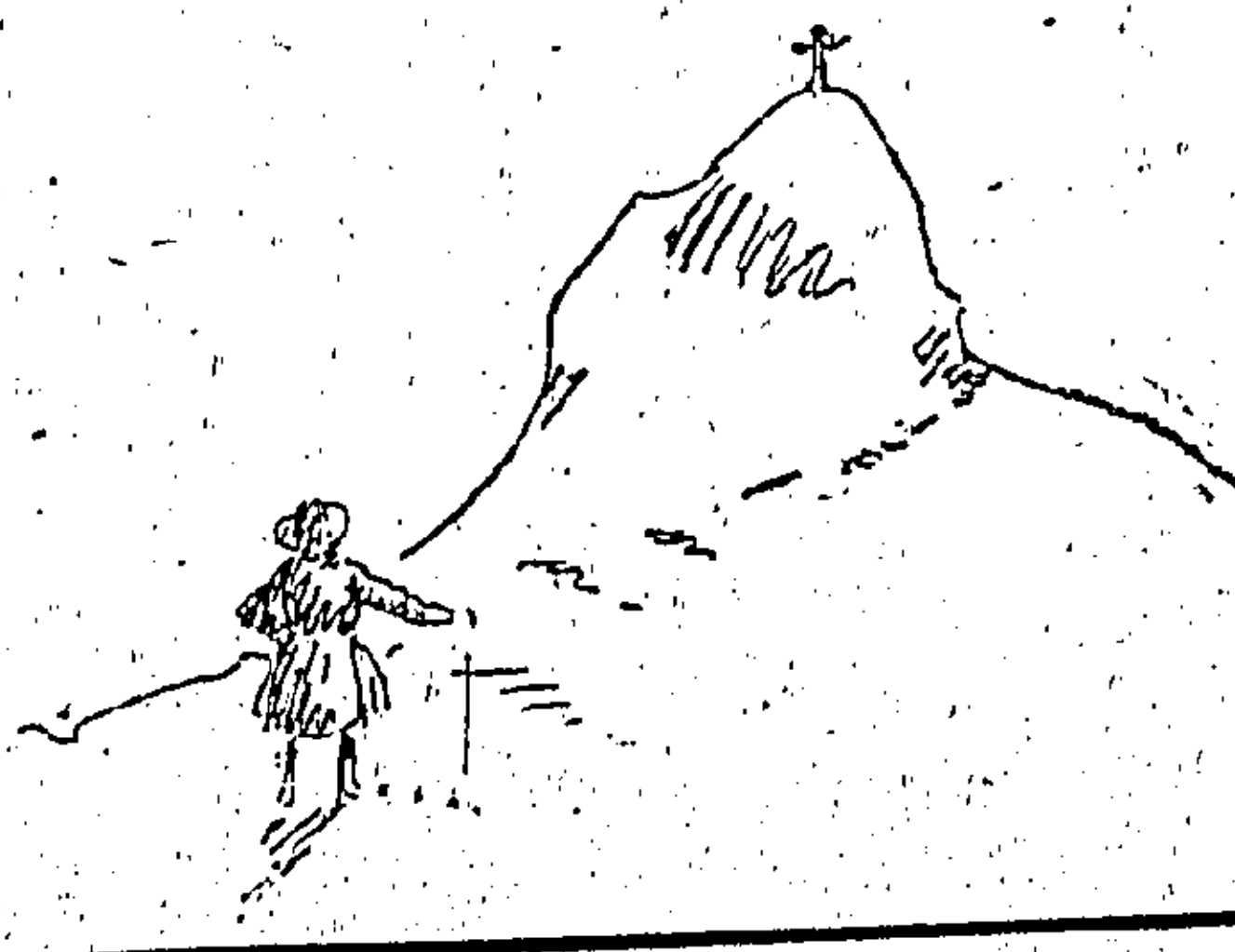
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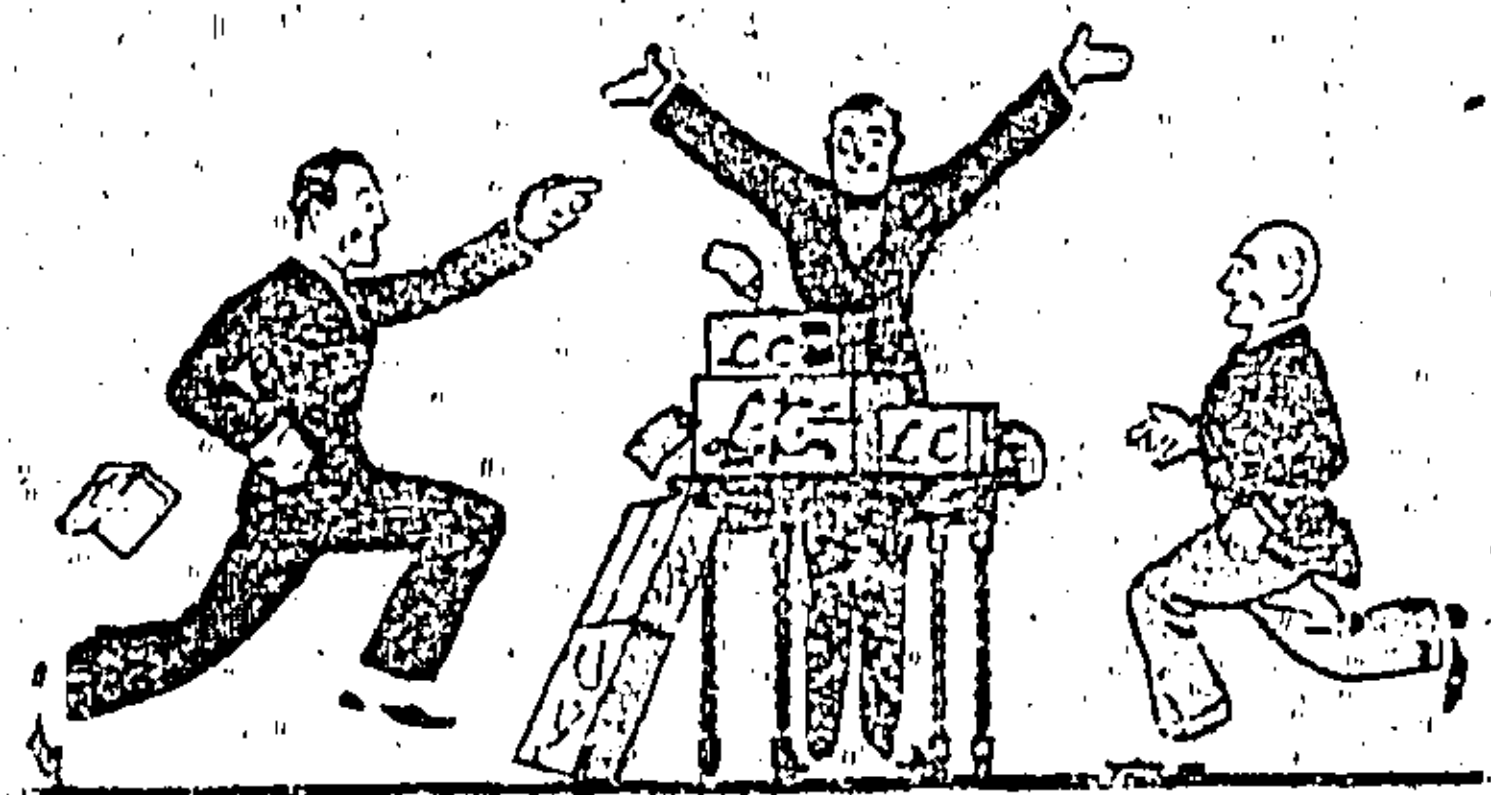
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SERIOUS BLUNDER IN MEMOIRS.

POISON STORY ABOUT PRINCE ALBERT.

The most outstanding example of Mr. P. M. Wilson's editorship of Greville's unexpurgated memoirs—that by which Queen Victoria was represented to have been in danger of being poisoned by the Prince Consort—will be rectified in a new edition of the book.

Messrs. William Heinemann, who publish the book in Great Britain, have received a cable from Mr. Wilson, who is in New York.

Mr. Wilson explains how the mistake occurred, and Messrs. Heinemann have announced "that in the edition of the book, which will be ready in about ten days, they have taken to ensure that there can be no false impressions created by the paragraph referred to in the cable. What every editor fears, says Mr. Wilson in his cablegram, is the error which cannot be wholly avoided in an immensely complicated task."

The passage alleging that the Queen feared being poisoned by her husband, of course, refers to the Queen of Naples, and not to the Queen of England. I deeply regret that confused as I was by a copyist's error in dropping a paragraph, I failed fully to detect the mistake, although I did realise the allegation as a palpable absurdity.

The passage which came into such prominence is dated September 17, 1855, and runs:—"The Queen, he said, was going on better than formerly. Not a bad-hearted woman, and kept in order by fear of her husband, who, she thought, would poison her, of which he is very capable."

"He" is Lord Clarendon, and the paragraph dropped by the copyist made it clear that Lord Clarendon had returned from Italy and was discussing the Queen of Naples and her husband, King "Bomba," otherwise Ferdinand II, who gained his nickname from his enthusiastic bombardment of his rebellious subjects.

Mrs. Grieg will distribute the prizes at the Victoria British School on Wednesday, 21st. December.

WIRELESS AND GRAMPHONES.

PLUGGING FROM ONE TO THE OTHER.

Wireless and the gramophone were once regarded by all of us as natural implacable enemies. Wireless enthusiasts said it was now unthinkable that anybody should draw nightly entertainment from a dead, black, and expensive disc when you could get it quivering out of the ether for twopence halfpenny a week, says a Home writer. Gramophone owners replied coldly that they still preferred music to squeals.

To-day the two instruments have literally joined forces. The join has been made by a length of cable with a plug at one end, and at the other a little horseshoe-shaped box with a needle projecting from it.

While the theorists argued, the practical engineers calmly solved the problem. We ought to have foreseen it.

After all, what is a loud-speaker set? Half of it is a device for picking a series of electrical oscillations out of the ether and rectifying them; the other half amplifies them and turns them into sound.

And what is a gramophone? Half of it is a device for revolving a disc and picking oscillations off it with a needle. The other half does exactly the same as the second half of a loud-speaker wireless set.

Wasteful Duplication. Obviously, then, any owner both of a gramophone and of a wireless set has half the outfit duplicated, which is wasteful. If the set is up to date, the low frequency amplifier and loud speaker are better at their job than the corresponding part of the gramophone.

Gramophone companies, realising this, are now marketing machines which are virtually wireless sets with a turntable and electrical pick-up needle in place of the aerial circuit and detector.

What is more practical, and more interesting to me, is that the same job is now being tackled by numerous wireless firms. Their sets are equipped with sockets by which it is possible to make a connexion to the first low-frequency valve, without using the first half of the set. And they are selling, for as little as a couple of pounds, electrical pick-ups which you can fit to the tone arm of a gramophone in a few seconds, in place of the original sound box, complete with a cable connexion to the socket in the wireless set.

THE "UNKNOWN" SOLDIER.

HOW BODY WAS CHOSEN.

Paris, November 11.—To-day in London and Paris—the King and President Doumergue respectively laid wreaths upon the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, who has now become one of the great traditions of the world.

Inevitably the attempt is being made to reveal the identity of the "Unknown," but the riddle will never be answered. The dead man who lies under the Arc de Triomphe fell at Verdun. On the battlefield from the Argonne to the Woivre the dead lay, in 1916 and 1917, in hundreds of thousands, and many were whose names are undiscoverable.

It was a private soldier, Auguste Thin, of the 3rd Company of the 132nd Infantry Regiment, who designated the body of the man who was to lie for ever under the eternal flame shadowed by the arch. M. Thin explained to-day what happened. He had to choose between eight coffins, and he selected the sixth. He was summoned by his colonel on Armistice Day, in 1920, and told that he had been chosen to find the Unknown Soldier, and at 4 o'clock must appear in new uniform at the Citadel with the Minister of War and the Generals.

He followed them into the subterranean ways of the ancient fortress, and found before him eight coffins, each containing the mortal remains of unknown soldiers. His duty was to place upon one of the eight coffins a bunch of pinkies picked on the battlefield. After a solemn adjuration from Colonel Maginot, then Minister of War, he marched round the row of coffins, followed by the Minister and the Generals, and laid his bunch of flowers on the coffin of number six.

Why? As Thin explained, he was serving in the 6th Army Corps. The number 6, that of his corps, is an integral factor of the number 132—that of his regiment. "By adding 6 to 6 you get 12," he had decided that he would choose the coffin numbered 6. Upon it he laid his bunch of pinkies, and a moment later a man in mourning thrust him aside and fell upon the coffin in tears. He adds:—"It was also the most modest coffin of the eight—made of pine wood."

U.S. PRESIDENCY.

LOWDEN MAY ACCEPT CANDIDACY.

Washington, Dec. 11. Declining to make an open declaration of his candidacy, former Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, nevertheless let it be known to-day that he would not interfere with the efforts of his friends in his behalf to obtain the Republican nomination for President. He expressed an opinion that the condition of agriculture was the foremost issue of the approaching campaign. With reference to prohibition, he said that he agreed with President Coolidge's message, favouring strict enforcement.

A MOSQUITO-PROOF TRIBE.

NAKED SWAMP-DWELLERS OF RHODESIA.

The Batwa tribe, of Northern Rhodesia, live a far from comfortable life, but they possess one great advantage over their more civilised brethren—nature has made them mosquito-proof.

The Batwa live in the great Lukanga swamp, formed by a tributary of the Kafue River, a district from which Dr. C. M. Duke, Professor of Bantu Studies at the Rand University, has just returned after a prolonged tour of investigation.

Though latterly many of the Batwa under Government protection have taken up residence on the mainland, at one time they did not venture outside the confines of the swamp for fear of their enemies. They travel from one part to another by canoe along water lanes through the reeds and papyrus, and live in primitive houseboats.

Patient Fishers. The Batwa live mainly by fishing, and for hours they stand patiently with spears waiting for passing barbel, with which the swamp abounds. Others use poison, which they scatter on the surface of the water. They also make flour from the tuberous roots of a water-lily, which they dry in the sun and then pound. When mixed with water it makes a kind of thick porridge.

Despite the fact that the Batwa go about practically naked, and the whole of the swamp and its environs are thickly infested with mosquitoes, the Batwa appear to be practically immune from bites and consequent malaria.

The Batwa never bury their dead. They place the bodies on rafts, covered with reeds, and tow them far into the interior of the swamp, where they are abandoned to Nature.

RUBBER GROWING.

\$80,000 FOR PHILIPPINE INVESTIGATIONS.

Washington, Dec. 8. Item: touching upon the Philippines in President Coolidge's budget included \$80,000 for rubber investigations, \$171,255 for sugar plant experiments and \$350,000 for repairs and rents for army barracks. The amount set aside for the barracks is the same as that provided this year. Any portion of the amount that is not used is to go toward the acquisition of such building sites and additions to existing military reservations as may be found necessary.

PROHIBITION ISSUE.

AMERICAN LEGION POLL.

New York, Dec. 8. A poll of the American Legion will be made to ascertain the organization's attitude toward prohibition, Edward Spafford, national commander of the Legion, announced to-day.

SOME NEW METHODS IN RADIO.

QUARTZ CRYSTAL CONTROLS FREQUENCY.

At the Radio World's Fair recently held in New York, radio fans were afforded an opportunity to see for themselves how one of the greatest boons to radio reception—frequency control—is made possible. This was demonstrated as part of the feature display of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company.

Interference in reception, according to radio engineers, is due to a large extent to the inability of broadcasting stations to keep rigidly to the wavelengths assigned by the Federal Radio Commission. With stations separated from each other by differences of only 10 kilocycles in their wavelengths, even a slight wandering from its assigned frequency will cause one station to conflict with another, with the result that a shriek or howl issues from the receiving.

The solution of the problem, Westinghouse experts claim, is found in the Piezo quartz crystal oscillator, developed in Westinghouse laboratories and now equipped on several transmitters of Westinghouse Station KDKA. The Piezo crystal, it is claimed, has the property of vibrating at a fixed frequency, thus guaranteeing against any change in wavelength. If any change does occur, the station shuts down, but it can never slide off its assigned frequency and interfere with other stations.

In demonstrating the device at the radio show, a miniature transmitting set was set up, and by an arrangement of swinging pendulums, the general method of controlling a set by means of a Piezo crystal was made clear.

THE SHOOTING AFFAIR.

ALLEGED ROBBER REMANDED.

After the usual Police formalities had been completed, the alleged robber who was shot during the recent affray when Sergeant McMahon was wounded and two Chinese constables fatally injured, was brought before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy this morning, on charges of murdering P.C. Wan Wong-chi, and P.C. Chan Sing.

Inspector Lane prosecuted and applied for a week's formal remand. The defendant was accordingly remanded till next Saturday morning.

AVIATION DISASTERS.

FOUR JAPANESE AIRMEN KILLED.

Tokyo, Dec. 9. Four Japanese aviators were killed last night in a collision of planes over the Omura aerodrome. One of the machines burst into flames. The pilot and observer of each plane were killed.

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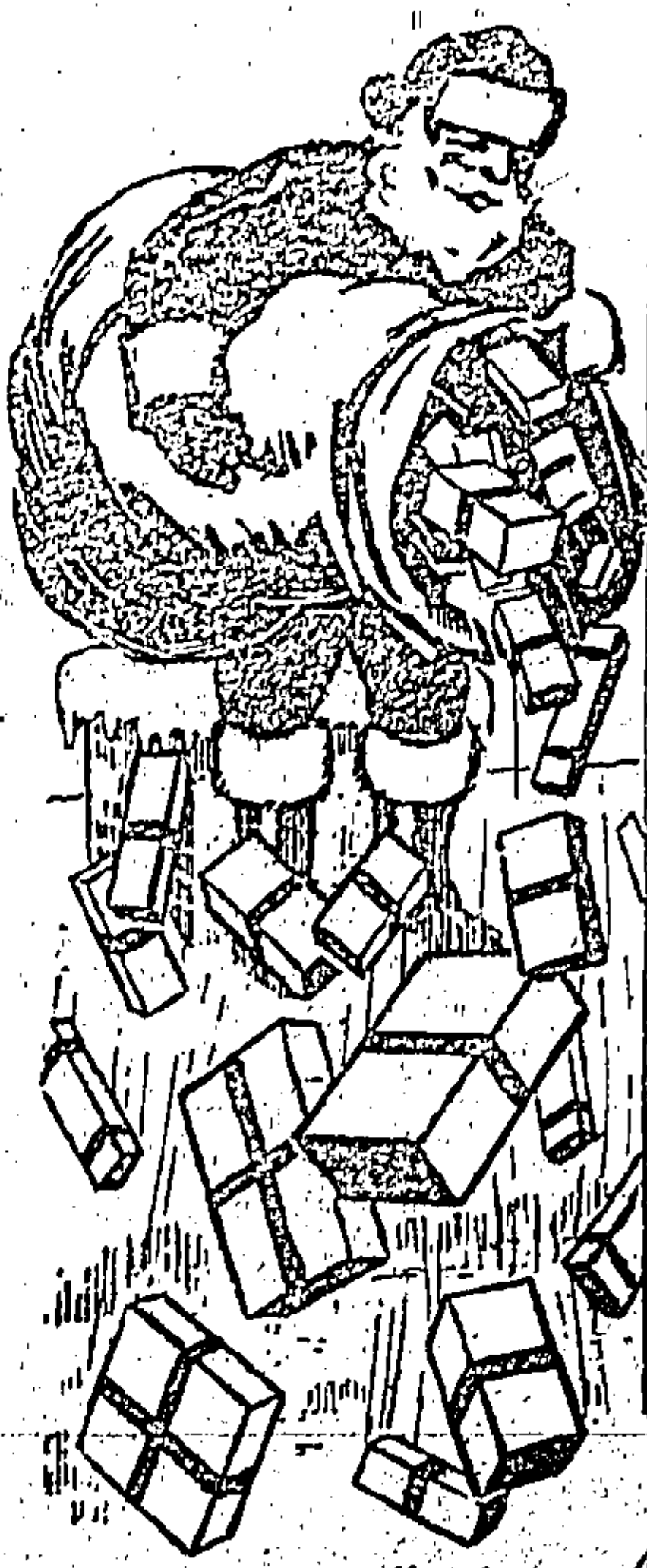
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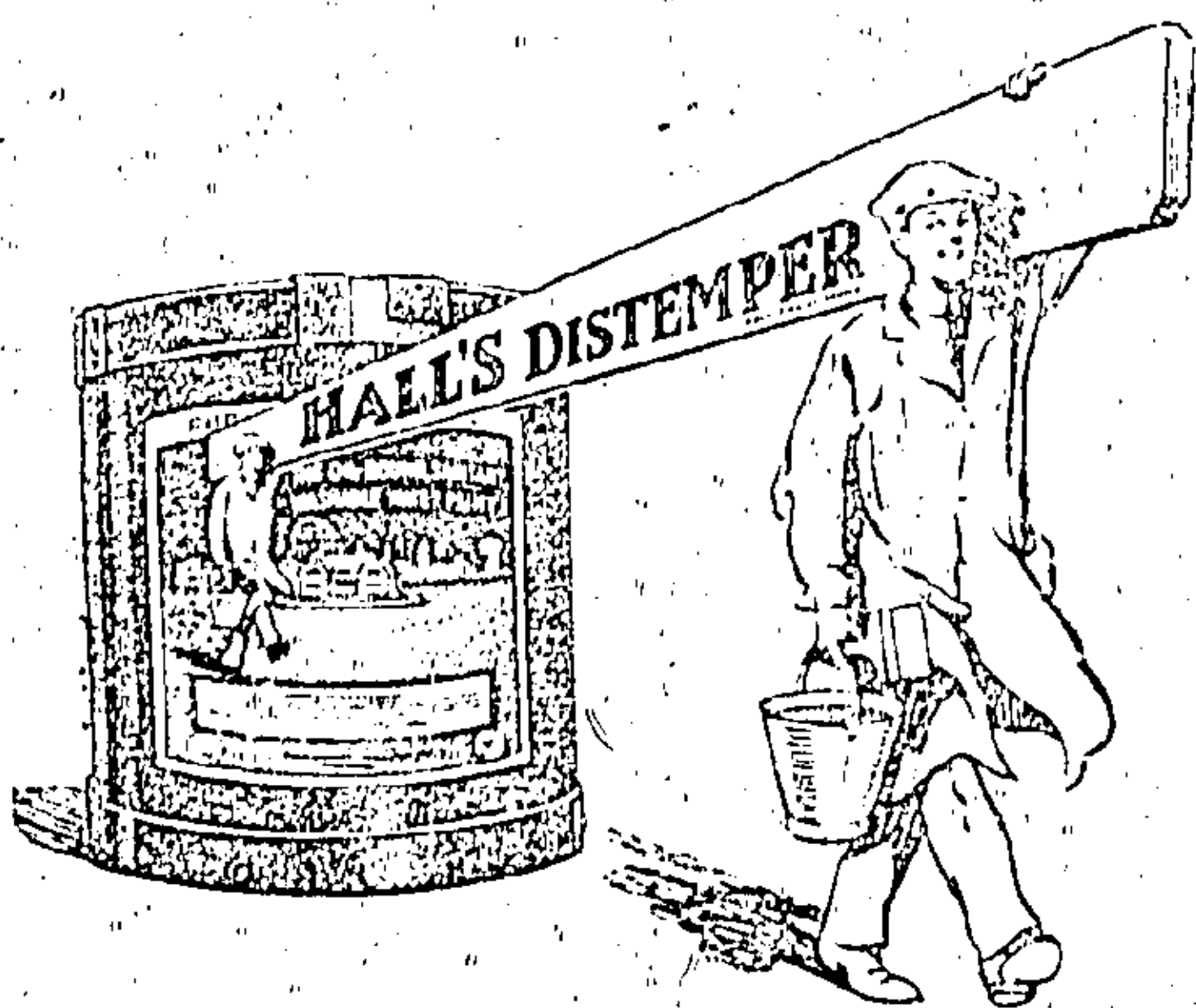
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PROPOSED NEW SHRINE.

Westminster Abbey, the Empire's most famous shrine, is so filled with memorials and monuments that no room remains to commemorate the nation's illustrious dead.

In the opinion of the Cathedral Commission of the Church Assembly, whose report is issued to-day, there is an urgent need of additional buildings.

The Commission endorses the views expressed by the sub-committee on Westminster Abbey, which puts forward a scheme for the erection of a new chapel and cloisters on the Chapter House site, which would cost £150,000, or even £200,000, and states:—

We share the conviction expressed by the sub-committee that if the Abbey is to continue to be, as it has been for centuries, the place wherein the nation treasures the memory of its most illustrious dead, some solution of the problem of providing accommodation, whether by additional buildings or otherwise, for future memories must be found without delay.

The members of the sub-committee are unanimously of opinion that a solution to this problem cannot be long deferred.

One aspect of the problem, it is true, is no longer urgent. With regard to burials the Dean and Chapter have already decided that only the ashes after cremation can henceforth be deposited beneath the floors of the Abbey.

"Hall of Fame" Idea.

The present Dean of Westminster has informed the sub-committee that even for memorial tablets there are to-day only a few square feet available in a dark corner on the west wall south of the west door of the nave.

The report further says:—Neither of these small places can be regarded as adequate for the commemoration of great men, and there are no others.

Points from the preliminary conclusions of the sub-committee are as under:—

No monument or other memorial should be erected until at least 10 years have elapsed after the death of the person whom it is designed to commemorate.

No further space within the Abbey itself is now available, or can be made available, for memorials.

There is no other church which could in the future be substituted

for the Abbey as the chief centre of the nation's remembrance of its illustrious dead.

We dismiss at once the idea of building some Hall of Fame on another site. A hall of this kind, whatever its architectural merits might be, lacking all the profound associations, historical and religious, of the Abbey would be a mere empty shell—a body without a soul.

We regard the suggestion that the Abbey might now be regarded as closed as a mere counsel of despair.

We are thus driven to the conclusion that to meet the urgency of the problem a new building ought to be erected within the Abbey grounds and in close connexion with the Abbey Church.

Views on the Report.

Some interesting views on the proposal to make additions to Westminster Abbey have been obtained by the Press Association. Here are some others:—

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald:—I think they are wise in rejecting the idea of a separate building apart from Westminster, and the only questions that have to be settled are:—Shall the Abbey be considered to be closed against further monuments and memorials? If there is a desire that the practice of placing monuments there to people whom the nation desire to honour is to be continued how can accommodation best be provided? I think that the country could wish to answer the first question in the affirmative, and that is so I think the Committee has stated the alternatives.

The feeling of the country would probably be to have no change at all, as it is almost impossible to touch those historical buildings without spoiling them—however much in keeping with their plans and spirit the additions may be. We have, however, to face a practical problem, and I think there is enough reverence and good taste about

Mr. William Reynolds-Stephens, president of the Royal Society of British Sculptors:—The proposal for making changes forces one to remember the damage done to some of our cathedrals and many churches by the so-called restorations made by the architects of early Victorian times—men who no doubt had high reputations then.

Of the two schemes for adding to Westminster Abbey—of which the nearest outline is given in the Commission's report—that for a more or less detached building, an ambulatory near the chapter house, seems to have least objection.

Asked if he had any comment to make on the proposed extension of Westminster Abbey, Mr. Bernard Shaw said to-day:—"I have nothing to say. I am still alive. I am not ready for it yet."

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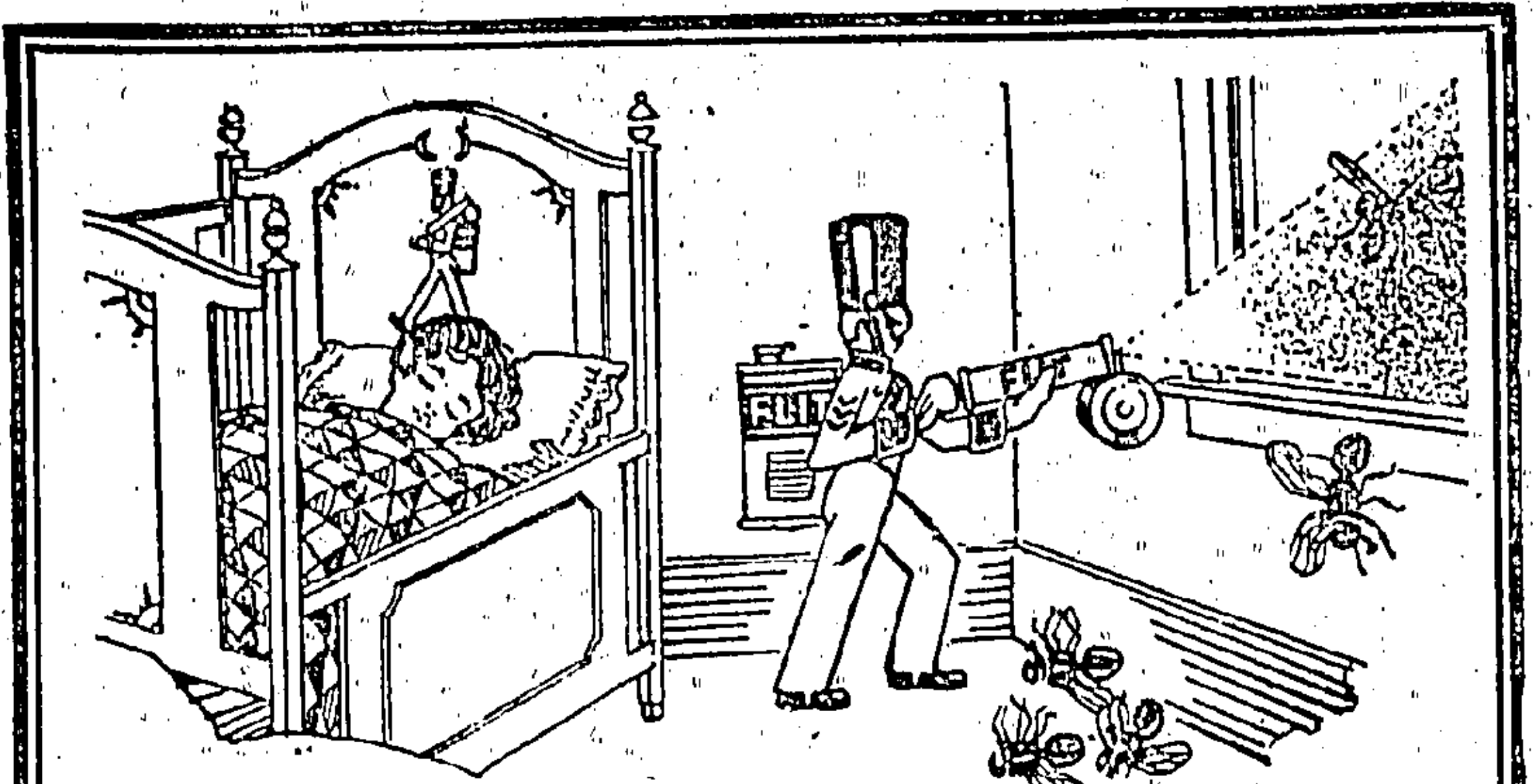
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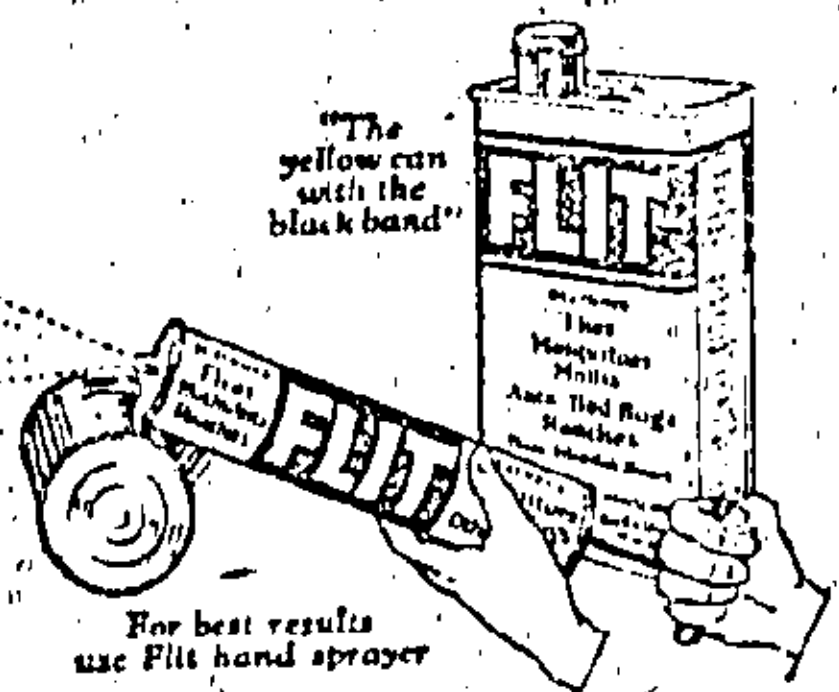
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UNUSUAL PATIENT AND HIS FEE.

SCENE IN COURT.

Sir Thomas Horder, Physician-in-Ordinary to the Prince of Wales, and the doctor who attended the late Mr. Bonar Law, was defendant in a case at the West London Court recently, when he was sued for the return of five guineas' consulting fee. The plaintiff was Mr. R. S. Provis, described in the process as "a consultant in blood diseases," of 22 Moulton Street, West Kensington. Sir Thomas contested the claim, but did not appear in person. He was defended by Mr. Michael Rowe, barrister.

Plaintiff an Unorthodox Doctor. Complainant, who said his name was Robert Sidney Provis, and that he was an unorthodox doctor, said he was going to conduct his own case, and preferred to open his case before giving evidence.

Mr. Provis, who insisted on being sworn on the Bible which contained the oath, then said to the Judge:—I will have to take you back a little to a time between 1918 and 1925. It would be too painful to tell you all, but within the short space of six months I lost three dear brothers from that dreadful disease, pernicious anaemia.

Mr. Provis then made reference to insanity and suicide, and went on to say that five of his brothers suffered from what he described as the terrible disease. "I tried all the doctors everywhere, for I also had it," proceeded Mr. Provis, "and I visited foreign climates. I saw the leading physicians everywhere, but they all gave me the same deadly poison, and then, when I was within a short time of dissolution, and of what everybody thought would be my funeral, a friend said to me—"

The Judge—This is not evidence. Mr. Provis—Well, I went to consult Sir Thomas Horder, and arranged to meet him. I came from Manchester to him at the end of 1924 or the beginning of 1925. I have a witness to prove what I say, but he will not attend, and I dare not subpoena him, because if I did I should only make him a deadly enemy all my life. Sir

Thomas asked me if I had any injections, and I said, "No, I have always refused them after having seen what happened to my dear brothers."

The Judge asked Mr. Provis to keep to the facts of the case. Mr. Provis said he paid Sir Thomas five guineas for the consultation and prescription, and Sir Thomas said:—"I will give you the injections." I asked Sir Thomas, proceeded claimant, if that was going to cure me, and he said, "No, it is not going to cure; but it is going to help." Well, your Honour, a little help at that time was something to be grasped at.

The Starvation Cure.

Mr. Provis said he went to a Dr. Spurgeon, of Manchester, who, he said, would not give me the injection because he thought it was a more deadly poison than arsenic. Then I went to Dr. Arnold Renshaw, of John Street, Manchester, and he gave me the first injection. He charged me three guineas for that injection. That passed off harmlessly. Eventually I starved myself, and so effected my own cure. I maintained that if it had not been for my own cure, I would not have been here today. Having treated myself for the poison, I started out in practice for myself.

The Judge—As what? As an unorthodox healer. I cured myself, and I have cured others since that, and I maintain that Sir Thomas Horder took five guineas from me for, I won't say wrongly, but for a useless prescription which caused me pain, unnecessary suffering, and danger to my life. "I am not asking for damages in the case, but I am asking for a return of the fee."

Mr. Rowe, for Sir Thomas, contended that there was no legal ground of action. He cross-examined Mr. Provis, who admitted that salvarsan, which Sir Thomas prescribed, was a common prescription to be given for poisoning with the state of medical science at the dates.

"I Deliver the Goods." The Judge (to Provis)—Are you a practitioner?—No, I am an unqualified practitioner, but I claim to deliver the goods.

Counsel produced several letters addressed to Sir Thomas Horder, and asked Provis if he wrote one of them. Provis declined to tell whether he wrote one of the letters put to him. "I know who wrote it," he said. "Can you tell me who miracle

worker is?" asked counsel, producing another letter. "No," said Provis, who denied that the Miracle Workers was a newspaper.

What do you practice in? asked the Judge—Nobody in this country can test my knowledge, said Provis.

Have you a degree?—No. Then you cannot call yourself a doctor if you have no degree, said counsel.

The Government would not recognise my degree, replied Mr. Provis.

Preacher of Healing.

Do you suggest you have a degree? pursued the Judge.

Yes, declared Provis vehemently.

Is it recognised?—Yes, answered Provis, still with emphasis. Almighty God has endowed me with the most marvellous power for preaching healing. Mr. Provis admitted "having written letters to Sir Thomas in a disguised hand. These letters, he said, contained a challenge to Sir Thomas as to the scientific value of white flour. One of the letters was written in red ink.

Further questioned by the Judge, he claimed that he had found the cause of cancer and consumption, and also claimed he had found the cure.

Asked by the Judge if he had communicated to the Press that the case was coming off, Mr. Provis said he only answered to telephone communication in that connexion.

The Judge—Is it the object of the case to bring Sir Thomas out to have a debate with him about white flour and other matters?

Mr. Provis—No. The Judge—Then why is it that you have waited since 1925 before bringing this action?—Because I did not know until the spanghcar treatment came out. You knew that you had blood poisoning?—Yes, I do not want money in the case. What I say is that I think the doctors were experimenting with me. I do not want publicity for myself, but for natural therapeutics.

Mr. Provis—May I appeal? The Judge—I certainly will not give you leave for appeal.

Mr. Provis—Do you say that as final?—Yes. Mr. Provis then stood back, and, brandishing some yellow sheets of type-written paper, threw them on the desk towards the Judge, saying—"Read that; that tells you what I think of them."

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

WE SHOULD LOOK TO THE LOLLIPOP!

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Passing It Around.

As soon as this becomes moist and is brought out into the air it becomes a centre of attraction for flies, dirt and anything loose with which it may come in contact. Sometimes the child will wipe this off before returning the lollipop to its mouth. Not infrequently the lollipop is passed around for a "lick" by other members of the party.

A considerable number of accidents have happened to children who run and play with the succulent end of the lollipop in the mouth and with the stick protruding between the teeth.

In case the child falls or bumps into any project, the pointed end may do serious damage in the throat. Of course, many children run around without serious accidents from their lollipops, but one severe accident may be sufficient cause to look upon the entire tribe of lollipop with some suspicion.

a fee paid to Sir Thomas Horder. I find for the defendant with costs.

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USUAL REPORTS. ABOUT LONG HAIR.

Just as regularly as in earlier seasons, again comes the semi-confidential information that women are going to wear their hair and skirts longer, and that mannequins in some of the leading houses are being instructed to let their hair grow, or to reinforce their coiffures with chignons.

But there is considerable difference between the knee-length skirt and those of almost ankle length. Few of the better known couturiers will make very abbreviated skirts for their private customers, nor would their smart clientele wear them. They adjust the length according to the stature of the customer.

THE LATEST.



A model for a costume either in satin or gabardine. The vest and frills are of white georgette.

CHILDREN'S PARTIES. SOME XMAS SUGGESTIONS.

There are people who hold the opinion that "parties" have anything but a good effect upon the little guests. They intend that late hours, a variety of rich food, and the general excitement of the proceedings all make for pale faces and short tempers.

Others say that when children are never allowed to go to parties, and are allowed but few play-mates, they appear very gauche and shy when they meet strangers. Nowadays, excessive shyness in a child is regarded as a sign of bad manners, rather than that of modesty, and it is usually found that children's parties are the best medium for eradicating this unnecessary trait.

Three to Seven.

And, after all, a party that begins at three o'clock need last no longer than seven o'clock if the children are very young; while the food can be of the simplest—provided it looks rich and ornamental.

Guests at a children's party are expected to arrive punctually. Tea is served about half an hour after the time specified upon the invitation cards, plenty of toys being provided to while away the interval.

A conjuror with an unlimited supply of bright patter, and a variety of tricks that necessitate the "help" of one or other of the small guests is always extremely popular. But after forty minutes or so sitting still a series of games in rapid succession is welcome.

Magie lanterns are a little out-of-date in the opinion of modern youth. A small play, acted by the older children of the house, carefully rehearsed beforehand, is enjoyed far more.

Little Presents.

Children are always delighted with something to carry away with them. They love to fumble for presents in a bran tub, or to fish with a toy rod, line and hook for little parcels, each with a convenient wire loop attached to it. Or they may each pull a ribbon with a present attached to it, and hidden in a huge cotton wool "snowball" suspended from the ceiling, each child having an equal number of presents.

Other interesting entertainments consist of the entrance, on wheels, of a huge painted cardboard "cake," decorated with pink "icing," out of the top of which a little girl suddenly pops and pelts the company with favours.

OVER THE TEA CUPS.

(SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BY "JOAN")

London, Nov. 3.
This week one of our artists has sent me a very chic design for a jumper. She calls it "a rather smart idea worn by one of our principal actresses in a much-discussed play of the moment." It is just a simple Shetland wool affair, worn with a very wide patent leather belt buckled tightly round a low waist line. A small posy of bright leaves to tone with the belt may be worn on the shoulder if so desired. If my memory serves, this jumper was worn by Miss Jeanne de Casalis as an alternative to the much-discussed pyjamas in "Potiphar's Wife," and the belt was red. It is amazing to note how much difference such an accessory can make to an otherwise undistinguished though comfortable toilette.

Vanity Street.

The model sketched for the costume was in black satin, with a white georgette waistcoat-like vest and frills of the same material. Although this satin looked very smart, the design is obviously one which would lend itself very effectively to navy-blue gabardine, or a similarly useful fabric. Now that we are heading for the cold weather here—with spurts of apologetic and belated summer warmth of twelve hours duration—one sees little plain velvet and velveteen coats being worn over thin frocks, or, more appropriately, over little vests which give a waistcoat effect. These velvet coats are more elegant than the wool sports coats which have been somewhat incongruously used of late for indoor warmth.

Is That So?

The picture sent in by our artist this week is that of Jack Hulbert, the versatile husband of the equally versatile Cicely Courtneidge. Mr. Hulbert has a style of dancing and singing all his

own. It beggars description, but those who have seen him and his talented wife once never miss a show in which they appear subsequently. I have heard it predicted in professional circles that as a comedienne Cicely Courtneidge will go on from strength to strength. It is due to the fact that we have also Claude Hulbert that Jack is known, for purposes of reference, as "the husband of Cicely"; but there might be worse distinctions! The week in which I write, having contained several specimens of English weather—and "London perlick" lar" at that!—has been a godsend to theatrical



understudies. A brilliant young actress (whose name I forget at the moment, but of whom you will most certainly hear more anon) was deputed for Miss Tallulah Bankhead in "The Garden of Eden" when the latter became suddenly ill in Paris while buying dresses for her new film undertaking, and two others were given chances in equally important productions.

Miss Gertrude Kingston, who was frequently Miss Ellen Terry's understudy, told me that she used to spend half her life dressed ready to go on in case the great actress decided at the last moment that she could not do justice to the part on that particular night.

TOPICS AND TRIFLES.

SOME NEW IDEAS.

Nearly all the floral decorations for the dinner tables now follow one style. Favour is given to flower stands and bowls which are quite low, with tall flowers fitted tall in the way of vases or centre-pieces, interlaced with the guests' shadow across the table. So only shallow bowls are used, preferably of crystal, and it is considered churlish to have them filled with tall flowers, sparsely arranged.

Linon Luxuries.

Beautiful handkerchiefs of fine linen embroidered in one corner, are often copies of the costly Swiss ones. Amongst a selection of choice handkerchiefs in a West End shop, there is one embroidered with a circle of flowers, and sprays run out from this ring, whose edge is finely hemstitched. Another handkerchief has a more shallow design in the corner, with two rows of stitching extending for just a few inches. Scallops help to make corners of flower designs in the corners of other handkerchiefs, but a far simpler pattern has just one small flower with a dot on either side.

Bath Salts.

The bath salts jar holds a prominent place on our bathroom shelf and goldsmiths and silversmiths are catering for the requirements of the elegant woman by producing beautiful jars of cut-glass, with tops of silver, enamel or tortoise-shell. Quaintly humorous china jars are in the realistically modelled shape of pigs, rabbits, the frog-whowould-a-woing-go, and such familiar creatures.

Glass and earthenware jars are hand-painted with flower sprays, amusing figures and geometrical designs. One may easily decorate a jar or pot in this way oneself; some types of jars for preserves are of unusual shapes which do not suggest their original use.

Old lidded vases, druggists' jars, Chinese ginger jars, and other picturesque pieces make excellent containers for bath crystals. Remember, however, that if the container possesses a stopper which is not

A SMART IDEA.



A chic design for a jumper in plain biscuit coloured Shetland wool, worn with a very wide patent leather belt buckled tightly round the waist.

air-tight, or is stopperless, a cork in addition, or screw top, is absolutely essential if the crystals are to remain fresh and usable.

Gift of a Box.

Some handsome boxes of Mexican onyx would make really imposing gifts. There is a bridge box, just the right size to hold the twin packs of cards. This is inlaid with lapis, and, as it opens, a hinge draws forward a tray, acting as an elevator, so that the cards are ready to be lifted out. Cigarette boxes, made on the same lines, have quaint designs in lapis on their lids.

Household Novelties.

For the housewife there are to be seen novel tea-caddies made of bright coloured felt with decoration of cutout figures also in felt. The latest crumbs brushes and trays are made so that the two articles may be hung up together, the brush lying flat and unobtrusive at the top of the tray.

Very few understudies have even that amount of excitement these days, although of course most of them are playing minor parts, and when the star is away there is a general move up for the evening.

The Street of Adventure.

It goes without saying that Miss Margaret Kennedy's new novel, "Red Sky at Morning" (Heinemann) has attracted much interest. No successor to "The Constant Nymph" could be treated lightly, and even if you decide that the latter was by far the greater piece of work, you will realise that "Red Sky at Morning" stands out among the mass of modern novels and that Miss Kennedy will go down to posterity as one of the greatest women writers of this period. I notice a contemporary has predicted that in due course "Red Sky" will be "staged and hashed like 'The Constant Nymph'." If it isn't "hashed" any more than the last mentioned play (one of the finest I have ever seen) there won't be much to complain about, either on the part of the public or Miss Kennedy.

From Hurst & Blackett I have received Mr. Cosmo Hamilton's latest, "Among Those Sailing." Those of us who read his books and like them (the two things being practically synonymous) know Mr. Hamilton's sureness of touch in dealing with Americans and the American point of view. "Among Those Sailing" is about a jazz-mad daughter of a rich American who swoots and sweats all the year round in order that his middle-aged flapper wife and apparently heart-psychology strikes me as perfect, and I will merely leave you to read the book at the earliest possible moment, just pausing to assure you that the end is not so bad as might be expected in the circumstances!

FOR EVENING WEAR.

POPULARITY OF TULLE.

Tulle has become increasingly popular for evening wear. A black cire cross-over bodice had a frilled skirt, of black potted tulle. A colossal cire bow fell at the side. Uneven, slightly pleated tulle hemlines with bunchy side bows are delightful for youthful wearers. Beige tulle is most effective over either gold or black.

A delightful dance frock which could easily be copied at home by the amateur needlewoman comprised a straight silver tissue slip with an overdress of patterned chiffon. It tied on one side with a large chiffon bow.

Many chiffon dance frocks are banded with matching velvet.

Draped evening frocks are very popular. Back drapery swinging from the shoulders of a cross-over decollete is very effective in black velvet. Side wings of chiffon float practically to the ground and beautiful side draperies, held with a paste buckle, sweep into an elegant train.

Fans are to be carried, says Paris, in feathers, to match one's frock.

THIS WEEK'S RECIPE.

FIG CUSTARD.

Boil up 1 quart of milk. Blend 2 tablespoonsful of cornflour and a pinch of salt with a little cold milk kept back from the quart, pour on the boiling milk, add 2oz. of sugar, and boil gently while stirring for 15 minutes. Cool slightly, and add the beaten yolks of 2 eggs, and cook for 3 minutes.

Meanwhile stew 1/2 lb. of cut-up figs in a gill of water with 2 ozs. of sugar and a tablespoonful of lemon juice. Mix them with the cornflour, and turn the mixture into a glass or compote dish, and chill. Just before serving pile on a meringue of the stiffly whipped whites of the eggs, sweetened and flavoured with vanilla. Dredge with castor sugar and serve.

HOW FASHION CHANGES.



The above picture illustrates the height of fashion in fur coats as worn in 1860.

FLOWER VASES.

DESIGN AND COLOURING.

Vases should be as simple as possible, both in design and colouring, and where possible nothing is better than good plain glass, as one is then able to see the whole form of the stem of the flower, but with glass extra care must be taken to see that the water is always fresh, for nothing looks worse than to see flowers in discoloured water. Silver-sand is excellent as a foundation in which to arrange low bowls of slender flowers, as it is so cool. Cover the sand with water, and then with the foliage of the flower you are going to use, and place in the blooms.

Many flowers are best arranged the day before they are required to look at their best, as after they have been in water a few hours they twist and turn their stems and heads around into all sorts of positions that it would be impossible to make them do oneself.

In rooms which are heated, the life of flowers is very short, but it can be lengthened by standing them in a sheltered place out of doors at night. Some flowers refuse to stand up erect, and the best cure for this is to split their stems, and add a teaspoonful of whisky to the water, when they will revive in a wonderful fashion, and open their flowers as well.

The great secret of success with cut flowers is to keep the vases clean, and to change the water often, and to split or hammer the stems of all woody stalked flowers. With all such blooms their beauty in a cut state can be prolonged by splitting the end of the stem upwards for a couple of inches, or by peeling off a few inches of the bark.

Never gather flowers from a sickly plant or one that is obviously suffering from dryness. Take them from healthy, vigorous plants only, and they will last longer. Indoors, place cut flowers away from the full blaze of the sun, and do not keep them all night in close rooms, but stand them in a cool, airy place, and last thing at night, moisten them with a fine spray of cool water.

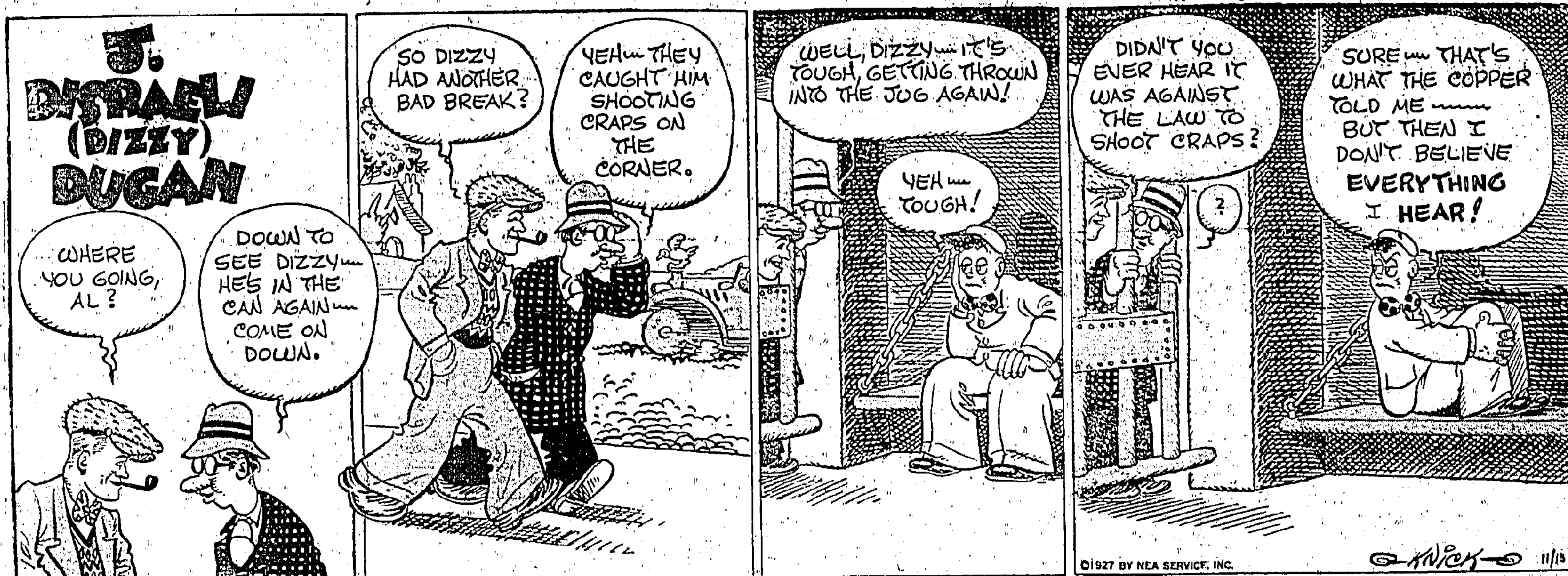
Whenever it is possible to do so, arrange cut flowers with their own foliage. Nothing becomes them better. Many wild grasses and flowers are charmingly suitable for arrangement with flowers.

It is possible to arrange tastefully together some of the flowers

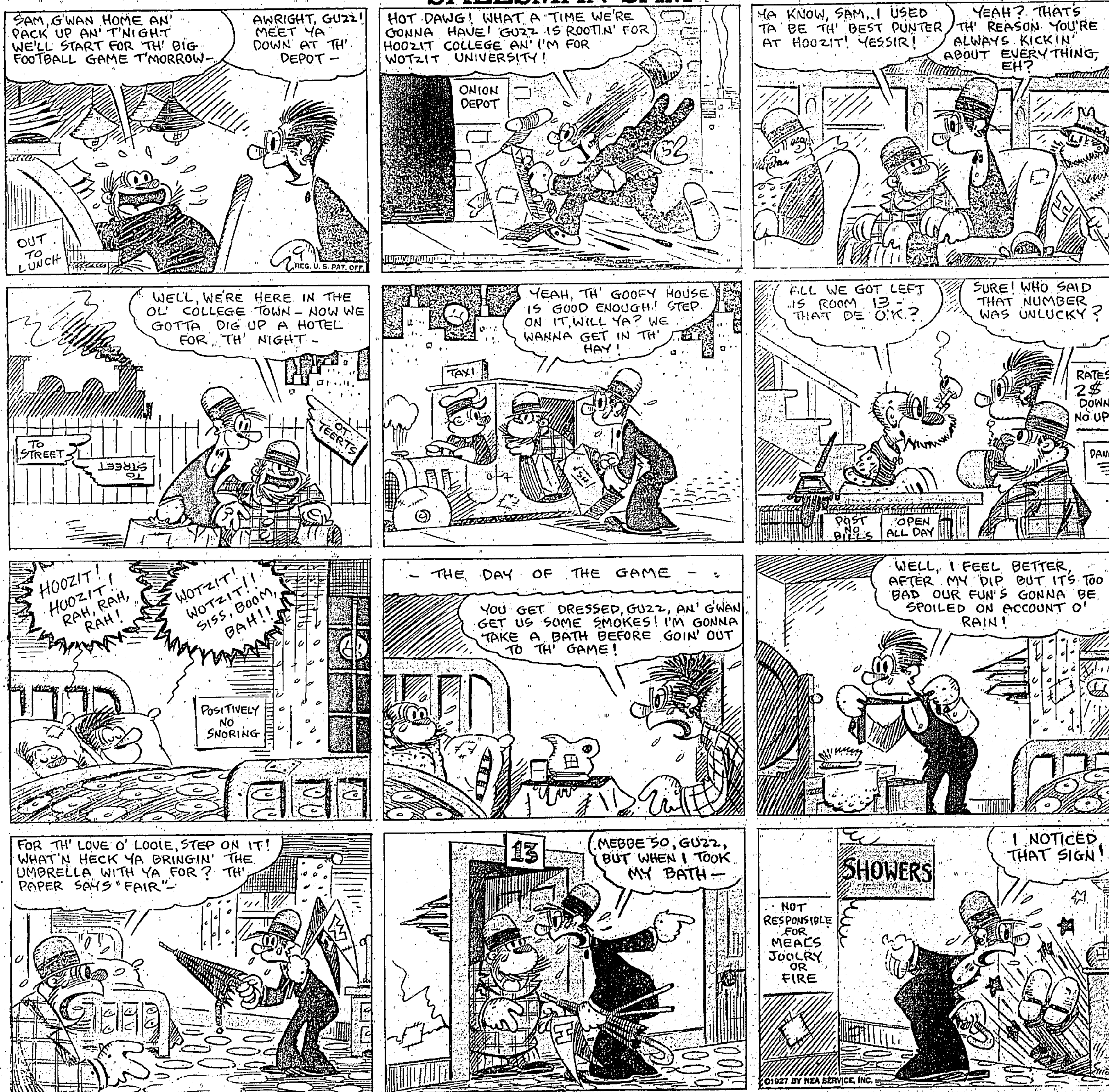
VERY DAINTY.



A dinner or afternoon frock in beige lace with a floating scarf.



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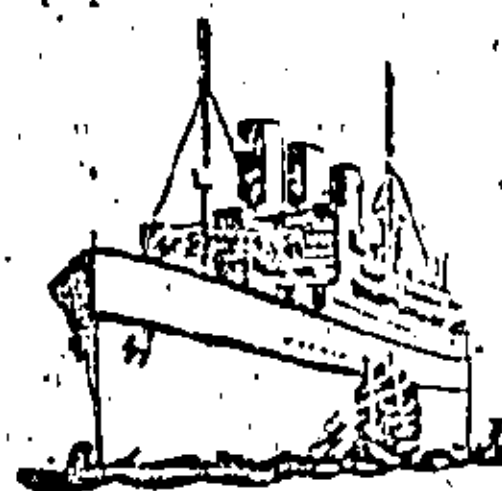
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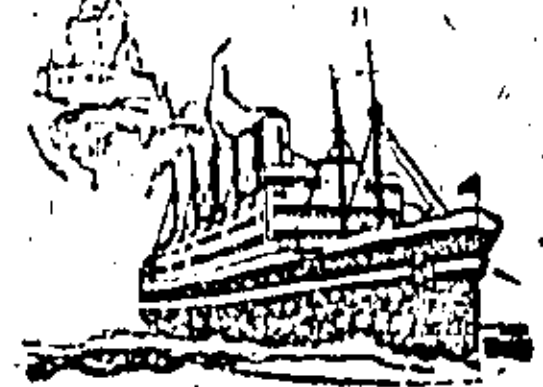
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London, Dec. 16. The White Nile Bridge, which forms the last link in the water, light and transport scheme undertaken by the British in the Sudan, is practically complete, and will be opened by Sir John Maffey, Governor-General of the Sudan on January 18. The bridge has been built in six months less than the contract time. It has a total length, with its approach embankments, of 3,426 feet, and carries a road 39 feet wide. Four thousand tons of steel have been used in its erection.—*British Wire-Press.*

EIGHT HOUR DAY.

ARBITRATOR INSISTS ON
INTRODUCTION.

Berlin, Dec. 16. The decision of the official arbitrator in the iron and steel industry dispute insists on the introduction of an eight-hour day and three shifts in the Thomas Steel Works by January 1, but provisionally grants exceptions to other kinds of steel works, which, however, must introduce the eight-hour day in the course of the year 1928. The arbitrator declares that an all-round wage increase is impracticable since the eight-hour day will further burden the industry. He considers a two per cent increase in existing wages to be appropriate.—*Reuter.*

BOND REPLACEMENT.

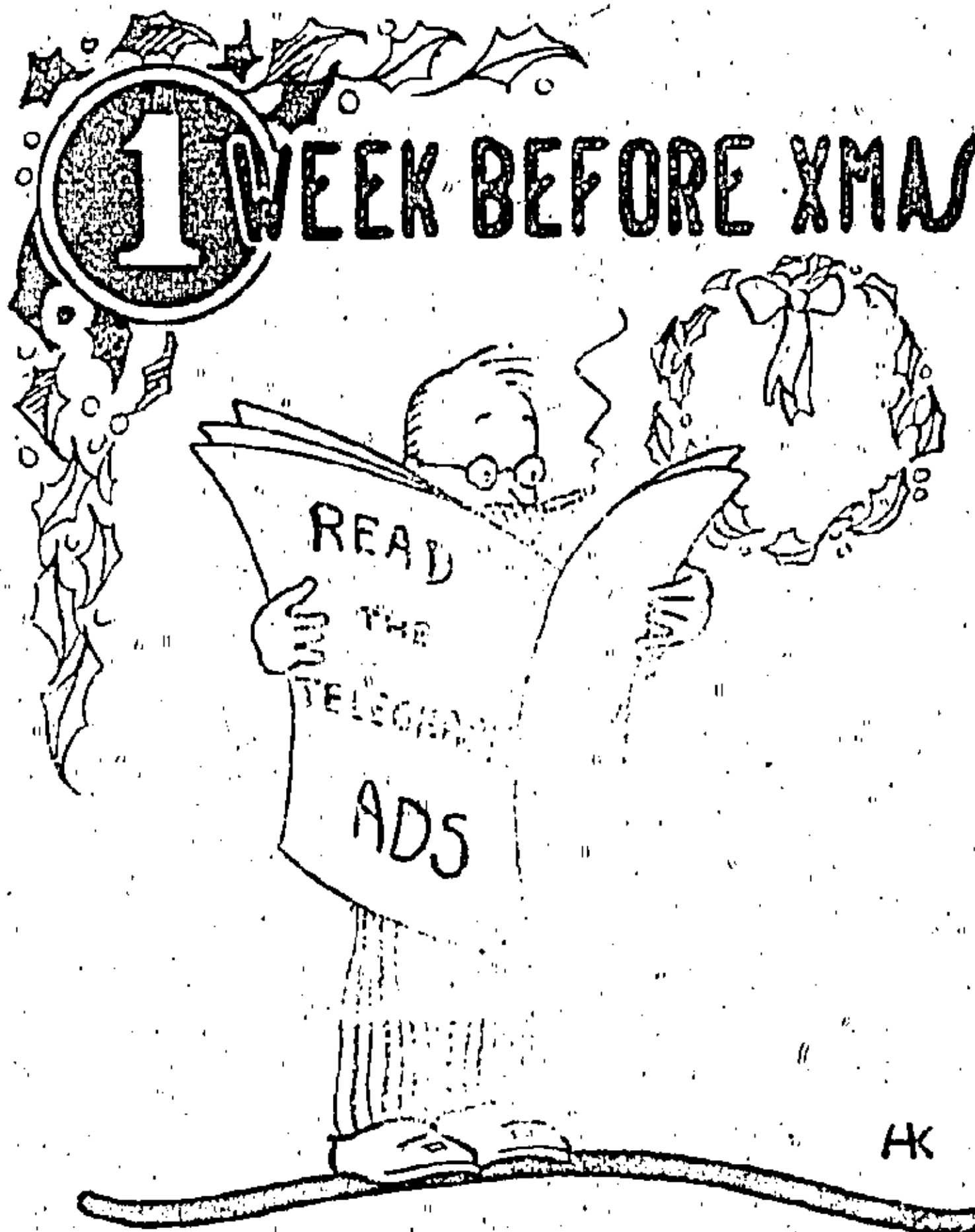
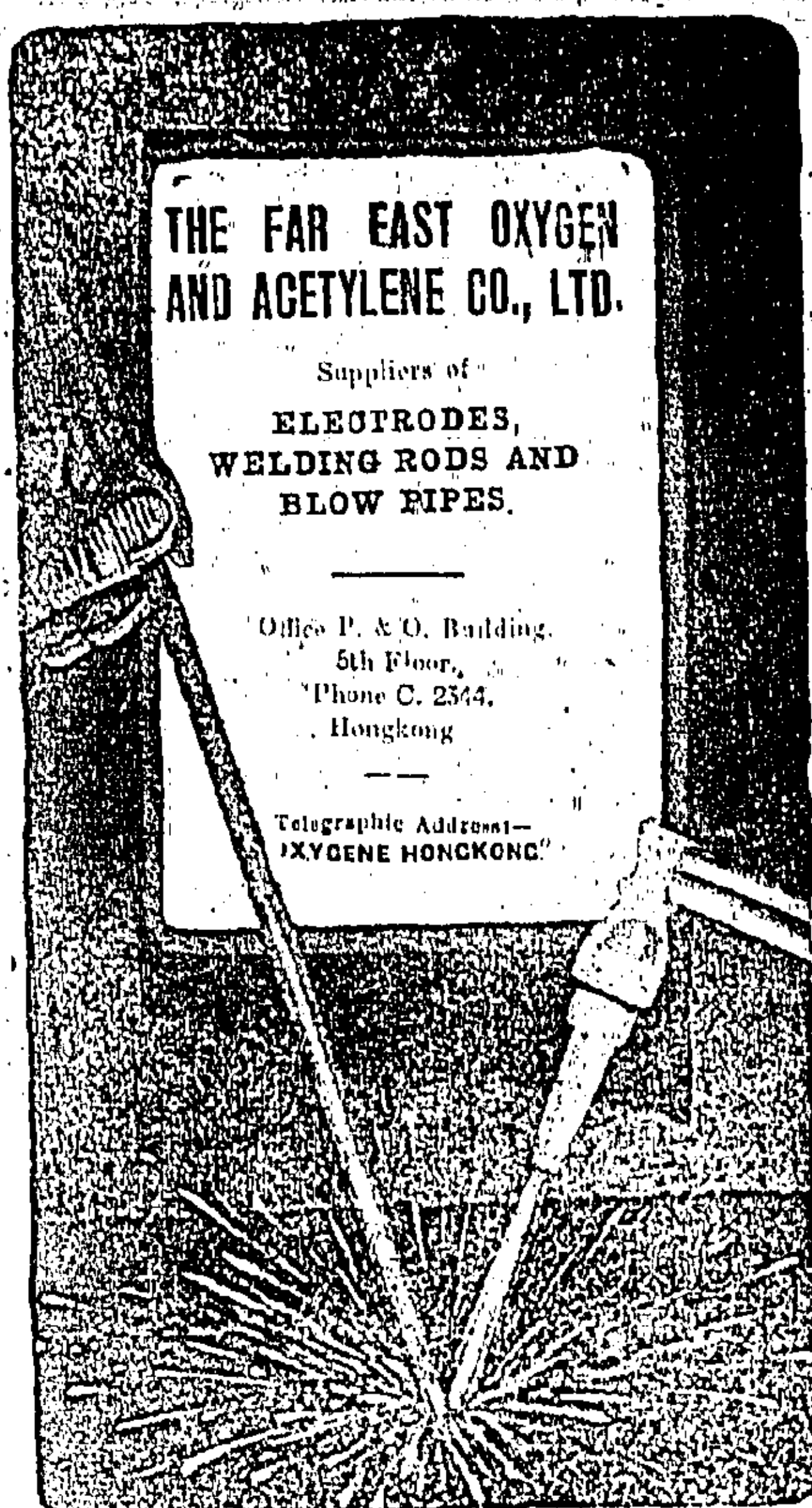
OLD ISSUE TO BE CHANGED.

Peking, Dec. 16. The Finance Ministry have issued a notice to the effect that the holders of \$96,000,000 bonds must hand them in to the Loans department of the Ministry of Finance where they will be exchanged for new ones of the same denomination. "No charge will be made for the exchange of the bonds except the cost of printing, which will be 30 cents for every new \$1,000 bond, 15 cents for each \$100 bond and five cents for each \$10 bond." The period of exchange will be from January 10, 1928 to June 30, 1928 after which no exchange will be made.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH REVENUES.

NOVEMBER RETURNS SHOW
A FALLING OFF.

Paris, Dec. 16. Revenue returns for November totalled 3,592,000,000 francs, showing a decrease of 438,000,000 as compared with November 1926, but an increase of 43,000,000 as compared with the budget forecast. For the first eleven months the total returns were 37,943,000,000, showing an increase of 2,258,000,000 over the same period of last year and 12,484,000 over the budget forecast.—*Havas.*



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PRAYER BOOK REVISION.

(Continued from Page 7.)

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Analysis of Voting.

Later.
A complete analysis of the voting in the House of Commons division on the Prayer Book shows that the measure was supported by 167 Conservatives, 35 Labourites, two Liberals and three Independents; and was opposed by 150 Conservatives, 54 Labourites, 23 Liberals and three Independents.—*Reuter.*

Archbishop's Appeal.

London, Dec. 16.
The majority against the Prayer Book measure in the House of Commons was slightly narrower than was first announced and the corrected figures show 238 votes against and 205 for the measure. Although deep feelings have been aroused during the controversy there are no indications of bitterness at the result of last night's debate and the aged Archbishop of Canterbury, who has closely identified himself with the movement for the revision of the Prayer Book, has received many messages of sympathy from opponents as well as from supporters of the measure.

The Archbishop to-day issued the following statement: "Every one will recognise the gravity of the situation which has arisen in regard to the life, work and worship of the Church of England. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York will next week, after consultation with other bishops, issue a statement which may help to guide the clergy and laity of the church in this time of confusion and anxiety. The Archbishops feel assured of prayers on their behalf and, pending the issue of such statement, ask that patience and charity may be exercised and precipitate words and acts avoided.—*British Wireless.*"

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The compilers of the booklet deserve hearty congratulation on the manner in which they have compressed so much information into readable form. Not only are the geographical features of the harbour, its lighthouses, entrances, fairways and buoys, fully set out, but there is a complete reference to all such matters as ferries, wharves, docks and such-like information of the greatest value to shipping and mercantile interests. The data given has been thoroughly revised and brought up to date, and included in the book is the latest chart showing the position and numbers of all the buoys in the harbour. In addition to some interesting photographs of the harbour and shipyards, there are many statistics of trade and shipping that will have an appeal to the interests of a wide circle.

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The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. He will be thirty-two on December 14 next. 2. A product of coal tar. 3. Edgar Wallace, Miss Mallow, Martinez, Flynn. 4. Republic of the Baltic, west of Russia, north of Lithuania. 5. Sea otter. 6. Danke, Merck, Gravel. 7. A statement under solemn oath. 8. Vera. 9. Foster, Anna, Guilemo, Raymond, Thomas. 10. Belgrade, Prague. 11. Two pounds and a fifth. 12. Petrarch's.

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THE ANTI-SOVIET WAVE.

RUSSIANS MUST REGISTER.

Shanghai, Dec. 17.
The Nationalist Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, states that the Nationalist Government is carrying out its plans to round up all Soviet nationals in their territories and is forcing them to register by December 23rd, on penalty of expulsion.

The local authorities, both Chinese and foreign, are most vigilant in their efforts to prevent disturbances.

The Shanghai Defences are continuously patrolling their Concession, while the Chinese authorities have proclaimed martial law in Greater Shanghai and are also guarding the railways from Shanghai.—*Reuter.*

ATTACK ON SHUMCHUN MARKET.

"REDS" LOOT GOVERNMENT BUREAUX.

POLICE CHIEF KILLED.

A non-descript crowd of armed ruffians, wearing red armlets and carrying red flags, attacked Shumchun Market, just across the New Territories border, on Wednesday afternoon, police officials disclose this morning.

About fifty of the men carried rifles and they first raided the Police Station, killing two policemen who offered resistance, and then murdered the principal police officer. Subsequently they raided and looted the Kerosene Tax Office, the Surtax Office and all Government bureaux, completing the outrage by robbing the fan-tan houses. Apparently, no further murders were committed, the Red gang confining their attentions to Government premises.

Shumchun Market was attacked on three sides, about 100 taking part in the attack, though there were about 200 supporters, who surrounded the place and watched the proceedings.

THE MORPHIA CASE.

DEFENDANTS DISCHARGED BUT RE-ARRESTED.

At the Police Court this morning, Christie and Blum were discharged on the charge of undertaking to supply morphia, Mr. Lindsell holding that there was no genuine morphia offer. The magistrate further held that the offer was merely a "blind" in a conspiracy to extort money from the Chinese Police Reservist in the belief that he was a potential buyer.

Defendants were, however, re-arrested on an alternative charge of criminal conspiracy to extort money.

Both men were remanded in police custody on the new charge until Tuesday morning, when they will appear before another magistrate.

IS SMELL ETHER-BORNE?

A Scientific Enquiry.

How does smell or scent reach our senses? ask Peter Simple in the *Morning Post*. Is it air borne like sound or ether borne like light? Does it travel by vibrations in either? If so, what is the wave length of a bad smell and what that of attar of roses? If it does not travel in waves, how does it travel? We know that we can smell beat down wind of a source of origin of smell, but at the same time bloodhound trials have proved that scent travels sometimes beat up wind from the track of the quarry.

In hunting parlance, we talk of scent being breast high when hounds run with their heads up. Scent, therefore, sometimes rises and sometimes sticks, to the ground. Is this due to temperature? If not, what is it due to? The whole subject is one which would seem to provide a fertile basis for discussion by men of science. I venture to offer them one suggestion. May not smell be ether borne, and may it not fill up the gaps in our ether vibration frequency table?

THE ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN.

(Continued from Page 1.) WEST RIVER FIGHTING.

Steamers Held Up.

Takling, Dec. 16.

Owing to the severe fighting which is taking place in this neighbourhood, steamers are being held up, it being much too dangerous for them to attempt to pass.

It is believed that the opposing factions are a body of troops sent to clear up this district which is notoriously Communist, and the Red Peasant Army.—*Naval Wireless.*

[Takling is on the West River, about fifty miles this side of Wuchow.]

NANKING INCIDENT.

British House Despoiled.

Nanking, Dec. 16.

On leaving the British Vice-Consul's house, which they have been occupying as officers' billets for some little time, the military tore down all the fixtures and removed the telegraph pole.

The military have left the place as the result of orders to the 44th Army to move up river against Marshal Tang Song-chi, who apparently has not been as completely eliminated from the political picture as was supposed.—*Naval Wireless.*

GEN. CHIANG ON TOP.

Wang Ching-wei Suspected.

Shanghai, Dec. 16.

Recent developments indicate that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek will once again become the dominating personality in the Nanking Government, and one of the first measures adopted as the result of his influence is the order for the closing of all Soviet Consulates and Soviet trade establishments in Kuomintang territory. All Russian officials have been advised to make an early departure.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei is the subject of considerable suspicion and his movements are doubtful.—*Naval Wireless.*

CHANG TSO-LIN.

Not to be Emperor.

Peking, Dec. 9.

Reports that Chang Tso-lin is planning to crown himself Emperor of China next summer were described by the Manchurian dictator as whimsical nonsense in a denial issued by him to-day through his secretary.

It was stated that such reports were "intended by interested parties to induce unfavourable criticism by the foreign public against the Generalissimo."

VALUABLE PEARL IN A MUSSEL.

WIFE'S FIND IN PREPARING SUPPER.

A pearl was discovered in the shell of a mussel by Mrs. Davies, wife of a Port Talbot dock policeman, while she was preparing mussels for supper one recent night. The pearl, which was about the size of a pea, was submitted to an expert, who considered it to be of great value.

The mussels came from Swansea. The pearl mussel—one of the freshwater variety—was formerly of considerable importance as a source of pearls, and in Sweden and other parts of the Continent pearl mussel fishery is still carried on. Since the opening up of the oyster pearl fisheries in the East and the Pacific Ocean the importance of the mussel as a source of pearls has, however, dwindled almost into insignificance. At one time there were extensive pearl mussel fisheries in Scotland and Ireland. The Scotch pearls enjoyed a world-wide reputation, round pearls, the size of a pea and perfect in every respect, being exported abroad every year in large numbers.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 15th to 25th December, 1927.

Day of Month	Time	HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
		H'Kong Standard Time	Height	H'Kong Standard Time	Height
Mon.	19	6.43 a.m.	4.9	11.66 a.m.	3.7
Tues.	20	7.14 a.m.	4.7	11.27 a.m.	3.8
Wed.	21	7.55 a.m.	4.6	10.58 a.m.	3.9
Thurs.	22	8.37 a.m.	4.5	10.29 a.m.	4.0
Friday.	23	9.17 a.m.	4.4	10.00 a.m.	4.1
Satur.	24	10.00 a.m.	4.3	9.30 a.m.	4.2
Sun.	25	10.45 a.m.	4.2	9.00 a.m.	4.3

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